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Omani minister denies needing foreign troops

By Farouk Laqman

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 — Oman's minister of information says categorically that there are no foreign troops stationed in his country and that his government has not requested any.

"We do not need foreign troops," Abdul Aziz Al Rowass said in an interview with *Arab News* here.

The country is secure, in spite of the presence of foreign troops in neighboring South Yemen, and the defeat of the rebellion in Oman's Dhofar province has allowed the country to turn its attention to its own internal development.

During the late 1960s and early 1970s, when the Dhofar rebellion was at its height, a contingent of Iranian troops fought alongside Oman's own army against the guerrillas, but those troops were withdrawn soon after the February revolution which toppled the Shah.

The threat from the Dhofar guerrillas, reportedly supported by South Yemen, was eliminated with a series of military victories by the insurgents, and since then the province has undergone far-reaching changes, Al Rowass said.

Roads, hospitals, schools and gardens have been built since the end of the threat, he said, and the Dhofar area has been "remarkably quiet."

As a result of the Omani victory over the guerrillas, he said, Oman has now turned its attention to the broader questions of internal development and of the regional security of the Gulf.

Gulf states must depend on their own resources for defense, Al Rowass said, calling for closer consultation among them to ward off threats of foreign intervention.

But Al Rowass said there is reason for concern in the presence of foreign troops in South Yemen, including Cubans, East Germans and Ethiopians.

"We have faced foreign intervention on a large scale before, because we were used as a bridge to the rest of the Gulf. Fortunately we defeated the invasion and aborted the plans of our enemies," he said.

"Still, we know there are foreign forces in South Yemen. Aden does not really deny the fact. This, to us, is a serious pointer," Al Rowass said.

Although relatively poor by the standards of other Gulf oil producers — total production is only 300,000 barrels a day — Oman has made the most of its resources and developed tremendously since Sultan Qaboos bin Sa'eed came to power in 1970, Al Rowass said.

Where ten years ago the country had only three schools, and all of them exclusively for boys, it now has 370 schools with more than 100,000 boys and girls enrolled, he said.

Other new developments include the building of a modern road network linking all parts of the country — including a spectacular road over the country's southern mountains — modern ports, airports and other facilities, he said.

Hospitals have been opened on a wide scale, color television has been introduced, and foreign investment has been encouraged, as long as it contributes to Oman's development, he said.

This year's government budget for development totals over SR5 billion, and next year the government will spend even more on its various projects, Al Rowass said.

The country's private sector is being encouraged to carry more of the burden to help reduce dependence on foreign companies, he said, and to help make certain Oman has an economy not totally dependent on oil royalties.

But even the oil situation is slated to improve, he said. Discovery of new fields in the southern region of Dhofar will provide the government with a stable source of income for its next five year plan, which begins in 1981.

"We shall do even better," he said.

Armenians, rightists fight battle

BEIRUT, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — Armenian and rightist militia representatives met in Beirut Wednesday in an attempt to end three days of fighting in which up to 33 persons have died.

Delegates of the Armenian Tashnaq party on the one hand, and Falangist and National Liberal parties on the other, met at the Armenian Greek Orthodox Patriarchate in the north-eastern suburb of Antelias.

The right-wing Falangist radio which reported 20 killed, said all sides had appealed to their men to stop fighting in Bourj Hammoud.

Earlier, the Armenians reported that the bodies of 15 of their persons kidnapped by the militias had been found.

According to one afternoon newspaper, 26 Armenians and seven Falangists have been killed in the past two days, and a number of people on both sides wounded or reported missing.

The militias are reported to have demanded the handing over of arms of those held captive.

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PRESIDENTS LEAVE: Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi (left) and President Siad Barre of Somalia (center) left Taif Wednesday for their respective countries. Crown Prince Fahd, who held talks with the two presidents saw them off at the airport.

Saudi-Kenya body created

TAIF, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — Kenya Wednesday joined Saudi Arabia in condemning Israeli aggression and calling for the immediate withdrawal of Israeli forces from all Arab territories occupied since 1967.

The declaration, issued as Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi left here for Nairobi, is significant because Kenya has in the past maintained close unofficial ties with Israel.

The official communiqué, marking the end of four days of talks between Crown Prince Fahd and Moi, condemned "savage Israeli aggression against Southern Lebanon" and appealed for international action to halt Israeli attacks.

Moi arrived here Sunday as the first Kenyan head of state ever to visit the Kingdom, and his visit resulted in the first establishment of a joint economic commission between the Kingdom and an African state.

The commission, whose formation was announced prior to the issuance of Wednesday's main communiqué, will deal with economic and trade relationships between the two states.

Kenya imports large quantities of Arab oil, and in turn is a major exporter of meat, dairy products, and other produce to the Kingdom and other Arab states.

Moi expressed his appreciation and admiration for the "constructive efforts that are being made by Saudi Arabia in the pursuit of peace and economic stability."

During his visit here, which paralleled one by Somali President Siad Barre, it had been expected that the two would try to resolve differences over territorial claims Somalia has made on Kenya.

But Moi made it clear on arrival in Nairobi that the subject was not raised, although the two men talked briefly at a dinner given by the Crown Prince Sunday night.

In the joint Saudi-Kenyan communiqué published as Moi flew home, the two officials promised to continue close contacts through the exchange of visits by senior officials.

Talks between Prince Fahd and Moi were cordial and conducted in an atmosphere of complete understanding, the communiqué said.

It said the two sides expressed their satisfaction at the development of Arab-African relations, and declared the two states' support for the peoples of Zimbabwe Rhodesia, Namibia and South Africa in their struggle against racism and colonialism.

The two leaders expressed the hope that the current London conference on the future of Zimbabwe Rhodesia (See story, Back Page) would be successful.

They said that the states of Africa should do their utmost to avoid rivalries and foreign entanglements in order to be able to concentrate their resources on internal development.

In a message accompanying the communiqué, Moi lauded Saudi Arabia's achievements under the leadership of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, which he said have led to the betterment of the lives of the country's people.

Prince Fahd, in turn paid tribute to Moi's leadership of Kenya, saying his "wise and moderate policies have helped the Kenyan peoples' stability, progress and prosperity," and have given Kenya an effective role in the international community.

The prince said he had accepted an invitation to the King and himself to visit Kenya and that a date for such a visit would be set sometime in the future.

Israel expropriates more Palestinian land

Arabs News London Bureau

LONDON, Sept. 12 — Israel has in the last few days intensified its illegal and inhuman drive to expropriate Palestinian land in the occupied West Bank.

Agricultural areas totalling 25,665 dunums have been taken over and levelled by the occupying power. From Jenin in the north to the southern-most point in the West Bank, fertile fruit and olive growing lands are taken over to make room for more Israeli settlements. Trees are uprooted and existing buildings are razed to this end.

The areas expropriated are: 1300 dunums in the area between Jenin and Nablus, where two settlements are to be built. One of these, it was learnt here, is to be called "Dothan." The Palestinian villages suffering from this most are Beit Qat and Araba.

16,000 dunums of privately owned agricultural land in the Tulkarm area.

In the Ramallah area 800 dunums of agricultural land have been confiscated to enlarge the Ofra Israeli settlement.

In the Jerusalem area 6765 dunums belonging to the villagers of Anata, five miles to the north east of Jerusalem, were taken over to complete the ring of settlements around Arab Jerusalem.

In the Bethlehem area 400 dunums belonging to the Hosan villagers were confiscated, as well as 800 dunums in the Khalil area, belonging to the villagers of Edna.

The land was to be used as a training area. Israeli military sources said that farmers would need permission to enter the zone but still could work their fields. Arabic newspapers reported that the landowners would start legal action to block the Israeli move.

Meanwhile the Associated Press reported from Tel Aviv that U.S. Middle East envoy Robert Strauss held a half-hour meeting Tuesday with the mayor of Bethlehem, who spoke for nearly all West Bank Palestinians in saying he considered the proposed autonomy plan is dead one for the Palestinians.

Mayor Elias Freij, expressing the general trend of West Bank thinking, again advocated full Palestinian independence, but he also said a Palestinian state could be confederated with Jordan.

Strauss, appearing to reject that idea, said the autonomy talks would be "our primary concern" for the next several months.

Strauss and Israeli Interior Minister Yosef Burg, head of the autonomy team, agreed that the talks had "progressed" but both said the tougher issues "remained" to be tackled.

They did not name these key issues, but they included the political future of Jerusalem's 100,000 Palestinians, Israeli settlements and whether the Palestinian council will have legislative powers or only administrative ones.

"I am aware that in a marathon race the second half is always harder than the first half," Burg told reporters after meeting Strauss.

As Strauss met the Israelis, Egyptian, Israeli and American working groups continued negotiations at a seaside hotel in Herzliya, 10 miles north of Tel Aviv. It is these groups Strauss wants to break up into smaller committees to work on more specific problems. He hoped the committees could make recommendations to the plenary — the political level — by the end of the year.

He told a stewardess no one would be hurt if his wishes were obeyed.

A West German radio report said the man made a number of political demands, which took him over half an hour to read. He has also demanded to talk to Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and present his demands on television.

Officials earlier said there were two hijackers.

Israelis kill villagers' sheep

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12 (R) — A group of Palestinian villagers on the occupied West Bank have complained that the Israelis slaughtered their sheep.

Israeli officials said the flock was confiscated after being found grazing on cultivated land inside Israel.

The villagers, from Jabar near Hebron, protested to the Israeli military authorities that 306 sheep and 25 goats had been loaded onto trucks and taken away for slaughter.

The director of the Israeli Nature Preservation Authority, Abraham Jaffe, told Reuters that the villagers had been warned several times to stop the flocks from straying into cultivated areas.

"The owners will be brought to court, and if the court finds they are entitled to the money from the sale of the meat, it will be given to them," Jaffe said.

EEC 'urges' protection of Lebanon's integrity

DUBLIN, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — Foreign ministers of the European Common Market countries have urged all concerned in southern Lebanon to refrain from action likely to infringe the country's integrity and its government's authority.

A statement issued by the Nine at the end of a one-day meeting in Dublin called upon all parties to assist fully the operation of the United Nations Force in Southern Lebanon (UNIFIL) which includes Dutch and Irish troops.

The statement did not specifically mention Israel or any Lebanese or Palestinian faction by name.

It said, "concerned to avoid an escalation of violence which risks bringing in its train a new conflict in the Middle East, the Nine make a solemn and urgent appeal without exception to all countries and parties concerned that they refrain from all acts likely to infringe the integrity of Lebanon and the authority of its government."

The decision by the ministers at their "political co-operation" conference in Dublin Castle came on the eve of the arrival Wednesday of an Israeli governmental delegation for talks with Irish foreign affairs officials.

Each of the Common Market nations is under consistent pressure from oil-producing countries to back the Palestinians in their fight against Israel.

Passengers of hijacked plane freed

COLOGNE, Sept. 12 (R) — A hijacker holding a West German airliner at Cologne Airport released all the captive passengers Wednesday night, an airport spokesman said.

The hijacker was still aboard the Lufthansa Boeing 727 with the crew of eight.

About 120 passengers were allowed to leave the aircraft which was commandeered Wednesday during a flight to Cologne from Frankfurt and Paris.

The spokesman said the hijacker was a young German dressed in black who walked into the cockpit shortly after takeoff from Frankfurt feigning sickness.

He told a stewardess no one would be hurt if his wishes were obeyed.

Saudi, Austrian ministers meet

VIENNA, Sept. 12 (R) — Defense and Information Minister Prince Sultan arrived in Vienna Wednesday for a four-day visit which will include a review of neutral Austria's military products.

Prince Sultan, who began talks with Austrian Defense Minister Otto Roesch shortly after his arrival, will attend a show of Austrian weapons, a government spokesman said.

The Saudi delegation arrived from Geneva, where King Khaled is on a private visit.

Asked whether selling military equipment to Saudi Arabia would breach laws forbidding such exports to areas of tension, the Austrian government spokesman said: "Not at all."

"Saudi Arabia is not waging war with anybody," he said.



Premier Sun Tsun-shan

China premier arrives Sept. 16

TAIPEI, Sept. 12 (R) — Nationalist Chinese Premier Yun-Sun Sun will visit Saudi Arabia from Sept. 16 to 18, the government information office announced Wednesday.

It said he would exchange views with Crown Prince Fahd on the world situation and visit economic development projects.

Foreign Minister Yen-ti Tsang, Economic Minister Chang Kwang-shih, chief of the general staff Admiral Soong Chang-chih, and several other officials will accompany the premier.

He will be the second-highest nationalist Chinese leader to visit Saudi Arabia. Former President C.K. Yen made a state visit in 1977.

Bomb hits restaurant

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12 (R) — Explosives damaged a restaurant in Jerusalem's open air market Wednesday, but police reports said there were no casualties.

Police cleared the restaurant and cordoned off the area in case of further explosions.

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In Sarajevo

Kingdom gives \$ 2.5 m to mosque repair

MECCA, Sept. 12 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has given \$ 2.5 million to restore Khisru Pek Mosque in Sarajevo, in Yugoslavia.

It has also given SR1 million for restoration and repair work at Kowloon mosque in Hong Kong. An official from the Mecca-based Muslim World League said Wednesday that the government also gave SR170,000 to build a mosque and a school in Brazil.

It also gave SR100,000 for the renovation of Al-Paqih Abdul Rahman Ba Bakr Said mosque in Sudan, and SR50,000 for the construction of a mosque at Irbid, in Jordan.

Compensation approved

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 — The government has approved SR300 million in compensation for people whose properties have been or are to be expropriated in Medina in 1979 to 1980. A further SR900 million will be approved shortly.

Jeddah, Mecca and Riyadh will be submitted to the government for endorsement.

The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs has instructed mayors to report on what compensation should be offered people as soon as possible.

It is meant to stress the Arab and Islamic character of Jerusalem and win over world public opinion.

In Tunis, the committee will review progress in carrying out the recommendations and decisions of the Arab Information Ministers Conference held in Baghdad last January.

The committee is made up of Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Tunisia and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

And at home, the fencing of the Eid Prayer area in Al-Khobar has been awarded to a Saudi firm. It will cost SR768,500. Repairing the Grand Mosque in Dhahran has been contracted to a Saudi firm for SR789, 125.

The director of Endowments in the Eastern Province, Yusuf Ibrahim Al-Said, said Tuesday that ten mosques and the fencing of the Eid prayer area in Hasa had

been completed and handed over to the department.

The Endowments Department in the Northern Region has been temporarily taken over by the department in the Eastern Province, until an endowments bureau is opened in Hafr Al-Batin.

Charity

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 (SPA) — The Islamic Welfare Society in Mecca announced Wednesday that it has received further donations of SR273,500.

It has received SR400 and SR3,000 anonymously, SR10,000 from Abdullah Sheikh Al-Safi, SR5,000 from Bajazher Trading Est., SR5,000 from the National Museum in Riyadh, SR10,000 from Bajzad for Trade and Contracts, SR50,000 from Sheikh Ali Hafiz, SR20,000 from Ibrahim Abu Zaidan Est., SR100,000 from Abdul Aziz and Muhammad Al-Abdullah Al-Jumaili, and SR4,000 anonymously.

It has also received monthly subscriptions of SR2,000 from Sulaiman Al-Ribaishi, SR2,000 from Al-Tasaww Est., SR500 from Abdul Hadi Muhammad Mukhlis Al-Zaid, SR1,500 from General Muhammad Al-Taib Al-Tunisi, SR50,000 from Abdul Majeed Zahid, SR10,000 from Saudi Arabian Bechtel Ltd. and SR100 anonymously.

The society has so far received SR206,300,450. It thanked the donors for their assistance and backing.

Naif punishes crooked traders

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif has punished five merchants for violating supply regulations. After a report from Minister of Commerce, four traders from Riyadh and one from Jeddah were fined a total of SR17,000. They were also ordered to publish their punishment in a local newspaper at their own expense.

Their offenses were not marking goods with fixed prices and charging inflated prices.

Kingdom's war on drugs explained to conference

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 — A Saudi narcotics official addressed delegates at recent international symposium on the methods used in Saudi Arabia for combating drug addiction. They have resulted in the lowest incidence of addiction in the world.

The Director of the Narcotics Department at the Interior Ministry, Maj. Mahmud Al-Qathani told the International Conference on Addiction, in the United States that strong religious faith combined with a stern penal code based on the Sharia have reduced

the incidence of drug habit to the lowest on record anywhere in the world.

His department, he said, controlled all points of entry into the country and made sure that smuggling drugs was both very difficult and very risky for the smugglers. Saudi farmers are prohibited from cultivating any narcotics.

Most of the narcotics seized by customs officers at ports and airports are brought in by African travellers, especially during the pilgrimage.



GOODBYE: Sheikh Ahmad Al-Mubarak of the Islamic Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shakes hands with Sir John Wilton, the British ambassador, at a farewell dinner for Sir John at the Kandara Hotel Tuesday night. Between them is Muhammad Said Basrawi, the head of the Islamic Affairs Department. Sir John leaves on Sept. 16.

From Birmingham

Group rides in on U.K. trade wave

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 — A 16-man mission arranged by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce will visit Saudi Arabia from September 14 to 27, the British Embassy here announced Wednesday.

Saudi Arabia and Britain last year exchanged £1,657 million of goods and there also is massive invisible trade between the two nations. In recent years Britain has been Saudi Arabia's sixth largest customer and its fourth largest supplier.

Last year Britain imported merchandise worth £871 million from Saudi Arabia, including crude oil costing £750 million. Britain supplied Saudi Arabia with goods worth £786 million. The large Saudi surplus will diminish as British oil production builds up to self sufficiency, although Britain will remain a substantial importer of heavy Middle East crudes to balance the lighter crudes from the North Sea.

Of British exports, more than half the total is accounted for by capital goods. In addition, Britain

is a large exporter of industrial materials and consumer goods, and a major defense supplier.

Last year British sales of machinery and transport equipment to Saudi Arabia were valued at £420 million. Major machinery exports include earthmoving and mineral processing machines, aircraft and stationary engines, pumps, lifting and loading machinery and forklift trucks. The development of agriculture and food processing in Saudi Arabia is assisted by substantial imports of British tractors and processing equipment.

In the electrical field Britain supplied machinery and equipment worth £302 million last year. Major items included generating sets, switchgear, cable, telecommunications apparatus and measuring and control instruments.

Saudi Arabia is a substantial importer of British vehicles, aircraft and other transport equipment. Supplies last year cost more than £118 million, and the total this year is likely to be higher.

Recent contracts have covered the supply of specialist airport crash and firefighting vehicles, waste disposal trucks and Land-Rover vehicles equipped as mobile X-ray screening units.

Other major Saudi purchases include industrial materials and components for use in industry, construction and agriculture.

Pilgrims' water action taken

TAIF, Sept. 12 (SPA) — Acting Governor of Mecca Prince Sultan bin Abdul Mohsen, on the instructions of King Khaled, is intensifying contacts with water officials in Pilgrimage areas to ensure sufficient supply of drinking water this year.

Buses to roll in Taif

TAIF, Sept. 12 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company will start its first bus service in the Western Region on Saturday. It will link Taif with Al-Hawaya airport, flying in flight schedules. Each ticket will cost SR4. The company will be operating in Mecca within a couple of weeks.

Pakistani labor minister coming

JEDDAH, Sept. 12 — Lt. Gen. F.A. Chisti, Pakistani minister of labor and manpower, arrives here Thursday on a five-day visit. He will be accompanied by Brig. M. M. Afzal Khan, managing director of Pakistan's Overseas Employment Corporation and director general of the Bureau of Emigration.

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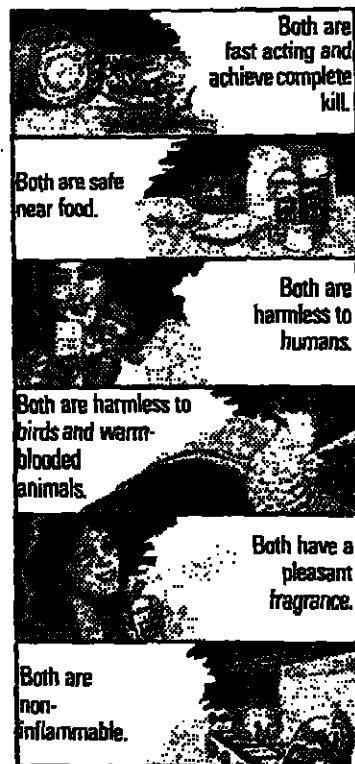
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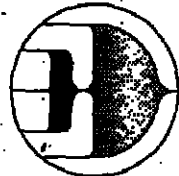
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With four others

Afghanistan rebels kill leading army commander

KABUL, Sept. 12 (AP) — Afghan guerrillas killed an important army commander last Saturday, following what may have been the Soviet-backed regime's biggest victory over Muslim rebels in months, reliable Afghan sources said.

The defeat of entrenched rebels in the 70-kilometer-long Panjshir valley, north of Kabul, was so complete that it touched off a flurry of rumors last week that Afghan guerrillas had resorted to chemical warfare.

Panjshir, the eastward jutting shoulder of Parwan province, had been held for three months by Muslim tribesmen fighting to topple President Nur Muhammad Taraki's regime.

In an unrelated incident, the commanding officer of the elite national corps was killed in a guerrilla ambush along with three other officers in Loghar province, a source of the Afghan capital, the sources said.

The corps commander, northing commander based in Kabul, until last week was Maj. Muhammad Rst, the source said. However, there have been reports of recent transfers and the corps commander could not confirm the slain commander was Maj. Rst.

One report said the commander was ambushed while moving with a unit of the corps.

a convoy carrying 300 soldiers, who suffered numerous casualties. Rebel losses were not known.

Since August 1978, devoutly religious tribesmen have fought Taraki's regime which they claim is trying to implant "godless" Communism in the 99 per cent Muslim country.

Massacred

Meanwhile, Afghan and foreign diplomatic sources said that government troops recently massacred Hazarah tribesmen, members of a racial and religious minority in the landlocked central Asian country.

"Hazarahs have been lined up against walls and gunned down by soldiers simply because their village was believed to have fed or harbored rebels," said one source, quoting eyewitnesses.

Thousands were believed to have been massacred in this manner, the sources told the Associated Press.

The sources, who asked not to be identified because of continuing rough treatment of rebels and foreign diplomats, said killing of the Hazarahs has been the bloodiest and most systematic of the reprisals against rebel sympathizers.

"Does the world know the extent of the carnage that has been

going on here?" asked an Asian diplomat. "No, because there has been a blanket of secrecy, compounded by rumor."

"It is not clear whether there are racial overtones or not, but the Hazarahs comprise a distinct minority who have traditionally suffered discrimination in Afghanistan," an area specialist said.

The 1.5 million Hazarahs are Shiite Muslims with Mongolian features, unlike most Afghans who are Mediterranean in appearance. Some Hazarahs claim kinship to the Mongol warrior Genghis Khan, whose legions swept through Afghanistan in the 13th century.

Hazarah-dominated Bamiyan province, west of Kabul, remained aloof from the bitter insurgency until July when a number of Hazarah Shiite leaders were arrested by Agsa, the Afghan secret police, sources said.



IN LONDON: British Premier Margaret Thatcher greets the Ruler of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani on his arrival at 10 Downing Street Tuesday.

On sabotage charges

2 Germans get 10 years in Israel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12 (AP) — An Israeli military court sentenced two German students to 10 years' imprisonment Tuesday for attempting to shoot down an Israeli passenger plane in Kenya, thus ending more than three years of secret proceedings against the two, Israeli television reported.

The television report said Brigitte Schulz, 28, and Thomas Reuter, 27, confessed to security charges against them stemming from an attempt to shoot down an El Al airliner in Nairobi, Kenya in January, 1976.

The sentences included the more than 3 1/2 years the two have

spent in custody, the television said.

Israel's military command would not confirm the report, but the television said the West German Embassy in Tel Aviv confirmed that the two had been sentenced. West German officials could not be reached.

Reuter's attorney, Zehariya Feit, told the Associated Press he could not comment on the television report, but said "the only thing I can tell you is that it is only half of the truth."

The separate trial of three Palestinians arrested with the German students is continuing, the television said.

The mothers of the two students and Amnesty International recently protested against the

Israeli government's not giving verdict in research in Bonn, the German officials made 18 separate enquiries and protests to Israeli authorities complaining about the secrecy of proceedings against Schulz and Reuter.

Arafat holds Libya talks

BEIRUT, Sept. 12 (R) — Palestinian commando leader Yasser Arafat arrived Tuesday from Libya where he had talks with Premier Abdul-Salam Jalloud after attending the nonaligned summit in Havana.

Palestinian sources in Beirut said Arafat planned to visit Spain soon in response to an official invitation.

Two revolutionary guards killed in guerrilla attack in Mahabad

TEHRAN, Sept. 12 (R) — Two Islamic revolutionary guards were reported killed in a guerrilla attack on the radio and television station in the Kurdish city of Mahabad Tuesday.

It was the most serious incident since the former rebel capital fell to government troops more than a week ago.

The official Pars news agency said four revolutionary guards were also wounded.

Kurdish forces, led by the banned Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP), took to the hills after losing control of all their urban strongholds to advancing government forces.

But their leaders said they attempted to wage a mountain-based guerrilla war against the central authorities.

The Tehran daily *Kayhan International* Wednesday reported that four government supporters had been killed by what it described as a counter-revolutionary element in the Kurdish area of Salmas (formerly Shapour).

Alliance

The newspaper said the pro-government villagers were killed after proclaiming their allegiance to the Islamic republic under the leadership of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Pars reported that five revolutionary guards were killed, and 10 injured when an arms truck they were traveling in overturned on the Marivan to Nowsud road in

Kurdistan

The agency also reported that the deposed Shah's former imperial guards had returned from Kurdistan where it said they had been busy crushing counter-revolutionaries in cooperation with their brother soldiers in the region.

Brezhnev sends note to Khomeini

MOSCOW, Sept. 12 (AP) — President Leonid Brezhnev, in a sign of continued Soviet hopes for good relations with Iran's Islamic revolutionary regime, sent a telegram to Ayatollah Khomeini expressing sympathy over the recent death of an Iranian religious man.

The Brezhnev telegram, reported Tuesday by the official news agency Tass, contrasts with a Soviet commentary last weekend that charged Khomeini with whipping up "religious fanaticism" and anti-communist hysteria.

Brezhnev expressed "sincere sympathy" over the death Monday of Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani who the Soviet leader called one of Khomeini's "comrades-in-arms and a leading public figure."

The agency quoted a local commander as saying of the imperial guards: "The light of faith has shone in their hearts."

The guard played a major role in crushing anti-Shah demonstrations before the revolution.

Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan, who visited Mahabad at the weekend, Wednesday traveled to Baluchistan in the far southeast of Iran.

Pars quoted him as saying the visit was aimed at investigating the problems of the region, home of the Baluchi ethnic minority. He said the study of regional problems was a mission given to his government immediately after the revolution.

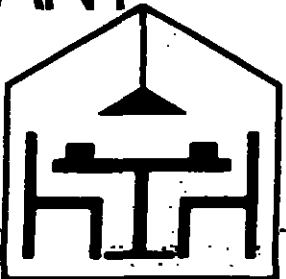
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In a separate development, officials said Wednesday that a crowd of unidentified attackers tried to destroy the most holy shrine of the minority Baha' faith in Iran. But they said no damage was inflicted.

A spokesman for the Islamic revolutionary prosecutor's office in the southern city of Shiraz said militia forces earlier this week drove back the attackers when they tried to storm the house of Bab, a place of pilgrimage set up by Baha'ullah, the founder of the faith.

The spokesman said that revolutionary guards had been posted at the house of Bab since the February revolution.

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Somalia seeks world help over refugees

NAIROBI, Sept. 12 (AP) — Somalia has declared a "state of emergency" and appealed for international relief efforts to help cope with refugees fleeing from Ethiopia's embattled southern and southeastern territories, the Somali National News Agency reported Wednesday.

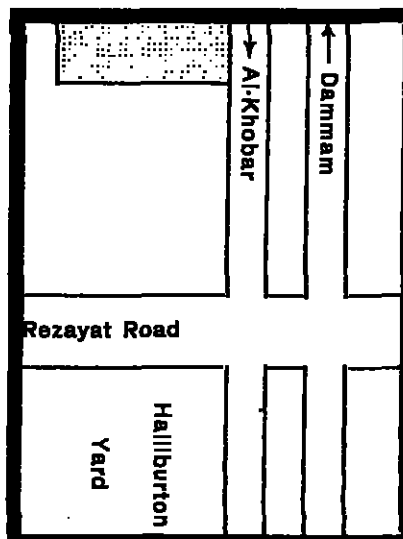
The agency dispatch, received in Nairobi, said the announcement was made Tuesday night in a press conference by Maj. Gen. Jama Muhammad Ghalib, minister for local governments and rural development.

The dispatch said about 309,991 refugees were currently housed in special camps in Somalia and that their number was increasing by about 1,000 persons daily.

The estimated number of refugees living in camps and also living among the population at large was about 1 million, he said.

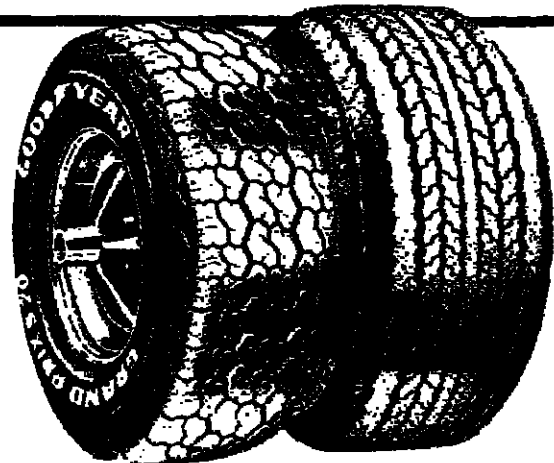
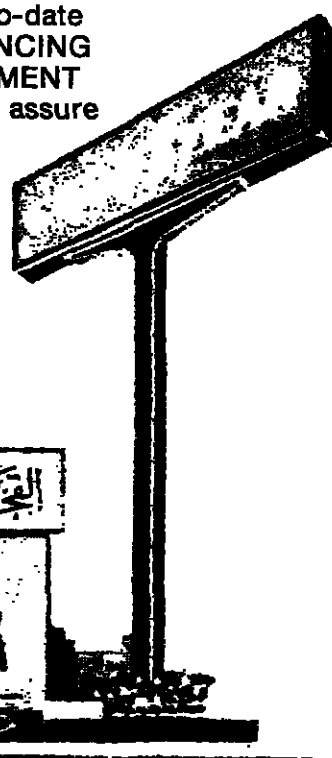
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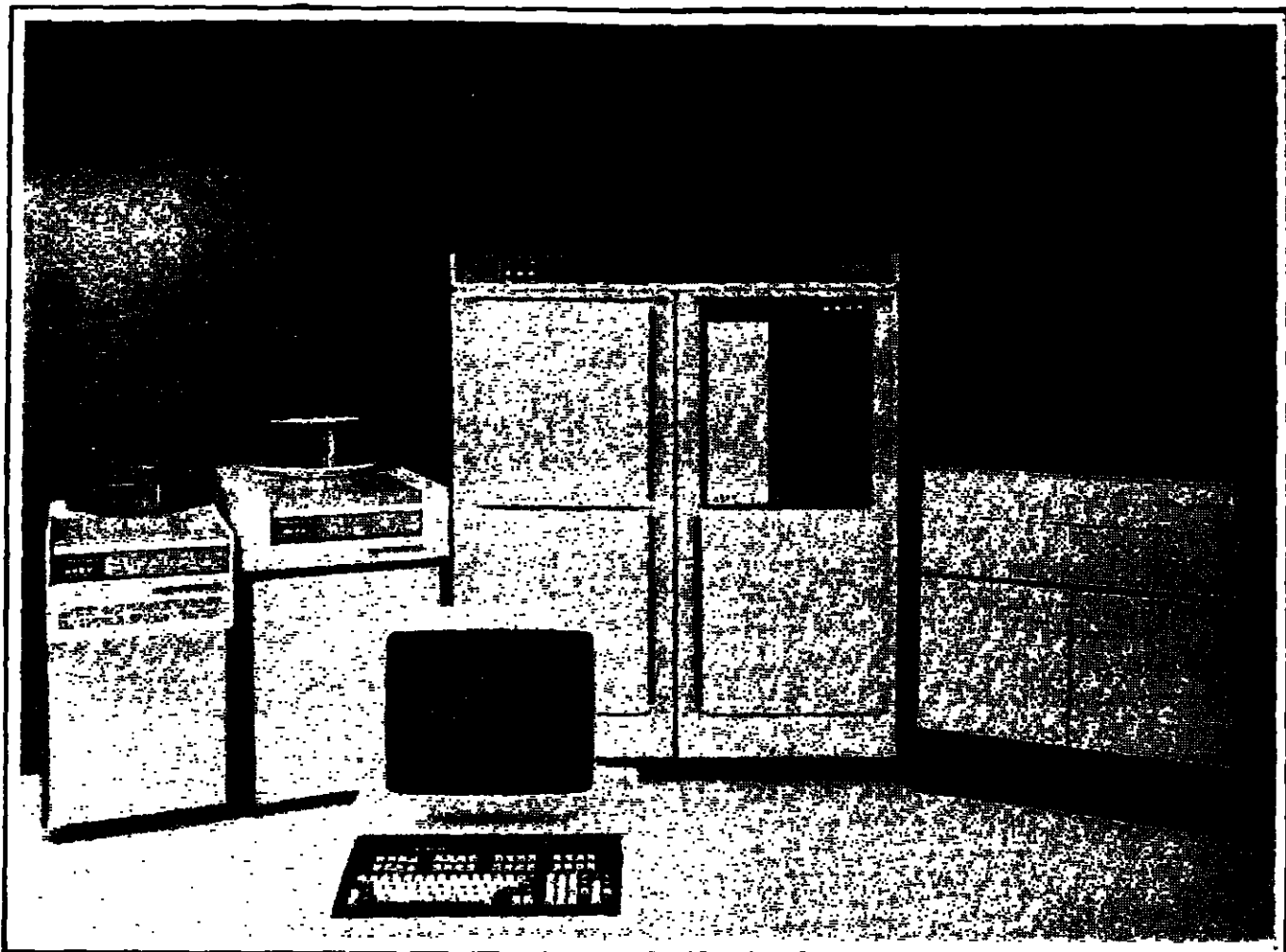
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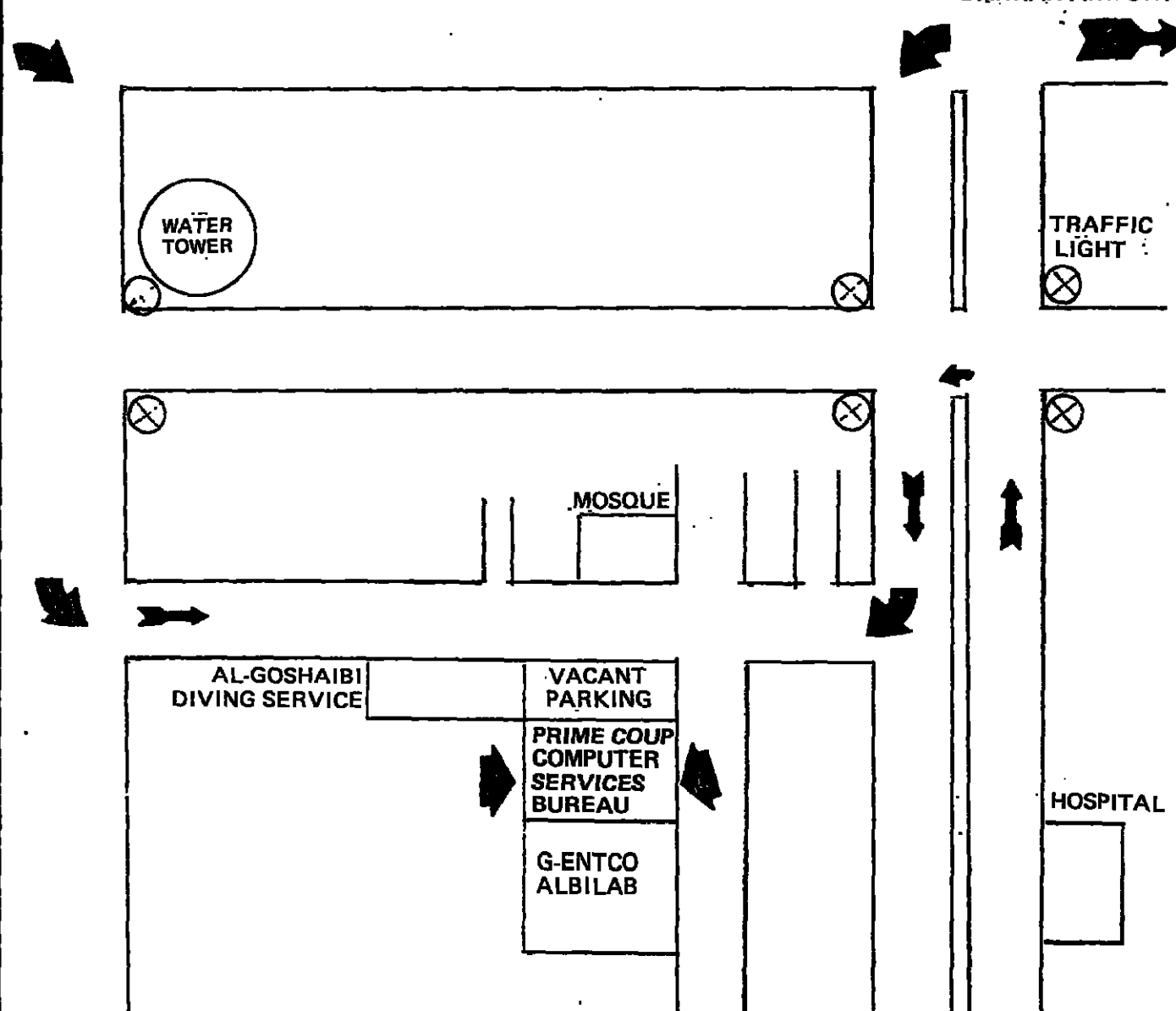
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Eanes dissolves parliament

Lisbon to hold vote Dec. 2

LISBON, Sept. 12 (R) — General elections will be held in Portugal Dec. 2 under a decree signed Tuesday by President Antonio Ramalho Eanes.

The decree also dissolved the current parliament.

The elections, the second since the April 1974 coup ended nearly half a century of right-wing dictatorship, have been called a year early in an effort to solve a continuing political crisis.

The Portuguese electorate will have to go to the polls again in 1980 under the present terms of the constitution.

The presidential decision was communicated to Prime Minister Maria de Lourdes Pintasilgo, the speaker of parliament and the 19-man military Council of the Revolution, Portugal's constitu-

tional watchdog.

The presidency said Eanes would address the nation on radio and television Wednesday night.

The election will usher in Portugal's 12th government since young officers seized power in the almost bloodless "flower revolution" five years ago.

The 1976 elections were indecisive with the Socialists emerging as the strongest party but without a majority in the 263-seat parliament.

Socialist leader Mario Soares refused to enter into any alliances and managed to govern until December 1977 when a motion of confidence in his economic policies was rejected, forcing him to resign.

The opposition parties failed to agree to a suitable alternative to

the Socialists and in early 1978 Eanes again asked Soares to try to form a government.

The Socialists secured a majority by bringing conservatives into the government but the uneasy alliance collapsed and Eanes dismissed the Socialist premier.

Eanes chose a non-party technocrat, Alfredo Nobre de Costa as premier to succeed Soares but his government fell after 17 days when parliament rejected its program.

Eanes' next choice was former Social Democrat law professor Carlos Mota Pinto.

But he also resigned after the economy got worse. And last month Portugal's first woman prime minister, Miss Pintasilgo, was sworn in by the president to govern the country until the elec-



President Ramalho Eanes

tions. The outgoing parliament contained 104 Socialists, 42 Center-Right Social Democrats (PSD), 40 conservative Center Democrats (CDS), 40 Communists, 31 PSD dissidents calling themselves the Independent Social Democratic Action Group.

Venda born against big odds

South Africa creates 3rd black 'homeland'

THOYOYANDOU, Venda, Sept. 12 (AP) — South Africa ushers its third black homeland to independence Thursday with the admission that Venda faces a "long uphill struggle" for economic self-sufficiency and international recognition.

At the helm of Africa's tiniest nation is Chief Patrick Mphahlele, twice beaten in popular elections this decade but in power nonetheless through backing from chiefs and headmen and the detention of political opponents.

The White-minority South African government of Prime Minister Pieter Botha, pushing ahead with a development plan that assigns its 19 million black majority to 10 scattered homelands, organized two weeks of celebrations to honor the independence of two blocks of land in a jigsaw pattern, tucked away in its northeast corner.



Pieter Botha

South African taxpayers paid about \$ 20 million to outfit Thoyoyandou (head of the Elephant) with new parliament buildings, houses for the ministers, a stadium, prison and pickle factory — plunking down an oasis of modernity amidst rolling green hills dotted with clusters of conical mud houses.

The capital has the only paved roads in Venda.

South Africa will carry \$ 37 million of the Venda national budget.

The landlocked nation will raise another \$ 7 million through its limited fruit, tea and forestry industries, while the exploitation of coal resources is expected to boost the economy in the future.

Though highly fertile, Venda must continue to import at least 50 per cent of its food since maize, a staple of the diet, isn't grown here.

About 67 per cent of the economically active men are expected to continue working in South Africa.

The 500,000 Venda citizens, including 150,000 living outside the country, also will be tied to the white minority government in Pretoria through defense matters.

The South African defense force retained a narrow strip of land along the Limpopo River to prevent the infiltration of guerril-

las from neighboring Zimbabwe Rhodesia, and will continue to use the Madimo air base here after independence.

critics argue that Venda's dependent status won't change and that Mphahlele is merely a tool for Pretoria.

Informed Vendas said that up until a month ago, white South Africans seated behind the ministers in the national assembly slipped them written responses to questions from the floor.

"One of the challenges (for an independent Venda) will probably be a long uphill struggle to gain international recognition, without which Venda will not have access to international development organizations, whose expertise and other assistance may be of benefit to Venda in its bid to attain a relatively progressive rate of economic development," the government says.

Repudiates violence

Mrs. Peron hits at junta on human rights

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 12 (AP) — Imprisoned former President Isabel Peron, in her first public statement since being toppled by the armed forces three years ago, firmly repudiated violence Tuesday and denounced the military's ban on political activity as a violation of human rights.

Mrs. Peron handed a four-page statement to members of the Inter-American Human Rights Commission who interviewed her at the Peron family estate where she is under house arrest for alleged corruption in office.

The 48-year-old widow of former President Juan Peron, who has been allowed few visitors since her ouster and arrest in March 1976, was "in good condition and very good spirits" during the 1 hour 25 minute interview, Andres Aguilar, the commission president, said.

Her written statement, issued by Peronist Party leaders, was part of a rare dialogue among Argentine political figures prompted by the commission's two-week probe of human rights in Argentina.

Former military president's Roberto Levingston and Alejandro



HUMAN RIGHTS: Former Argentine President Isabel Peron appears here with Peronists before she was overthrown in 1976. Mrs. Peron who has been under house arrest since, Tuesday denounced the military junta that rules Argentina for its bad human rights record and its intolerance of political activity.

dro Lanusse have also spoken publicly about human rights after meeting with the commission.

Political activity has been suspended since the armed forces seized power and moved to end left-wing terrorism, political corruption and rampant inflation.

The terrorists have been beaten, but thousands of persons are missing or imprisoned without charge.

legitimate to respond to crime with crime," she said.

Mrs. Peron said human rights "can become a reality only when the people can participate freely in social and political affairs to decide their destiny."

"The Argentine people are today impeded from exercising their right to decide their form of political organization. This is what worries me."

"My arrest," added the titular head of Argentina's biggest political movement, "is a consequence of what I represent."

In his statement, Levingston who was president in 1970 and 1971, defended the military's repressive measures against terrorism and complained that Argentina "continues to be systematically assaulted" verbally by "cited subversives."

"I hope the commission will understand the difference between the Marxist aggression that Argentina suffered and the oppression to which governments of a totalitarian nature submit their political opposition," Levingston said after his interview Tuesday.

Lanusse, who overthrew Levingston to make way for the 1973 elections won by the Peronists, called last Saturday for a "collective attitude of strength and understanding" to reconcile the military and its supporters with the families of suspects unjustly imprisoned or killed in the guerrilla war.

In an unusually bold statement, issued Tuesday night, Peronist leader Deolindo Brito said "we cannot accept that the struggle against a terrorist minority, in which we also have been victims, has become an excuse to introduce the terrorism of the state."

Protesters' problem to be discussed

Peking public debate to reassess Mao

PEKING, Sept. 12 (AP) — A new poster appeared Wednesday on "Democracy Wall" announcing a mass meeting Thursday in Tien An Men Square to discuss the sensitive question of assessing the importance of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

About 35 ragged protesters, meanwhile, returned to China's

government headquarters and renewed their sit-in at the gates that bears the words "serve the people". The protesters, demanding jobs and justice, had been evicted last Saturday, ending a 12-day sit-in. The government announced it would help solve their problems.

The large pink wall poster also said the discussion would cover the problems of the protesters. Funds would be raised to help them, it said.

The most significant and potentially volatile topic, however, was the public reappraisal of the "great helmsman."

Mao was depicted as inflexible and his every word acquired great importance, but China's moderate leadership is very carefully re-evaluating Mao, dismantling his myth and reminding the people that he made mistakes.

Last November several thousand gathered in Tien An Men Square to criticize the "Gang of Four" and Mao, too, came under attack.

The poster said, "There will be an academic discussion on what is the direction for China-how to implement the four modernizations."

It said the discussion would have five parts: "How to evaluate the contribution of Mao; how to apply the standard of truth; What kind of socialist country is the People's Republic of China; discussion of the poor people's sit-in and questions concerning the third anniversary of the death of Chairman Mao."

China's leaders also are pursuing a press campaign urging people to "liberate the mind" and shake off old dogmas — a reference to the gospel of Mao and of

the "Gang of Four."

The People's daily, which reflects the thinking of pragmatic Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping, also wrote articles on the "standard of truth." It urged people to "seek truth from facts" and present experience and not to rely on the past.

The poster said, "There apparently is some interference in political movements."

Ugandans seen promising to free impounded convoy

KAMPALA, Sept. 12 (R) — Uganda has agreed in principle to release a convoy carrying United Nations food aid to southern Sudan which has been impounded since July, diplomats have said.

A United Nations Development Program (UNDP) official last week said there would be no shipment of emergency supplies to Uganda until the trucks were allowed to continue their journey from Kenya to Sudan.

The diplomats said Kampala had agreed to release the 16 trucks, and provide them with a police escort to the Sudanese border.

The UNDP official said the convoy was carrying \$ 4 million worth of edible, dried fish, cheese and skim milk for Ugandan refugees in southern Sudan.

No official reason has been given by the Ugandan government for the seizure of the trucks, which belong to a Kenyan company, but diplomats said the convoy had been stopped apparently because of deteriorating relations between Uganda and Sudan.

The trucks were Tuesday still

parked at a Tanzanian army camp near President Godfrey Binaisa's residence at Entebbe.

The diplomats said a representative of the Kenyan company was expected to obtain a letter from Uganda's acting president and Defense Minister Yoweri Museveni, ordering the release of the trucks which had been chartered by the world food program.

Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi has urged Uganda to release the convoy, as saying they were on a mercy mission.

Cholera strikes Hong Kong port

HONG KONG Sept. 12 (AP) — Hong Kong was declared a cholera-infected port Tuesday, six days after it was declared free from the disease the government has announced.

The announcement Tuesday followed reports that two middle-aged men were carrying the germs. A government spokesman said both patients were in satisfactory condition in a hospital.

Condolences pour in

Angola preaches vigilance as it mourns Neto's death

LISBON, Sept. 12 (Agencies) — Angola's communist officials called on their countrymen to "maintain discipline and militant vigilance" late Tuesday as the search began for a successor to President Agostinho Neto.

Anop, Portugal's national news agency, reported here Wednesday that the ruling MPLA Party issued a nationwide announcement from the capital Luanda exhorting the national workforce to "maintain discipline and militant vigilance to truly honor the memory of President Agostinho Neto with dignity."

Neto, aged 56, died in a Moscow hospital Monday following surgery for a cancerous pancreas. The President, a poet and physician, was known for his powers of soft-spoken persuasion, had led the oil-rich African nation untroubled at the end of a three-way civil war in 1976, a year after the country received independence from Portugal.

Sources in Portugal, which places high priority on improving relations with the South African nation, indicated two contenders for the vacant presidency could be Defense Minister Iko Carreira and MPLA Secretary-General Lucio Lara.

Both men were considered intimates of Neto's and principal members of his liberal faction within the party. Carreira is believed to have the full support of the army, which is backed up by Cuban units and German advisors, while the MPLA party structure is thought to favor Lara.

Neto was reported to have brought his government more closely under MPLA reins in the past few months.

The agency earlier reported Planning Minister Jose Eduardo Dos Santos, left to lead the government in Neto's absence, had been picked as interim president following the official announcement Tuesday of the leader's death.

Senior African diplomats said many of the late President's colleagues who went to Moscow before the announcement of his death.

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In a message of condolence, President Leonid Brezhnev and the Soviet leadership paid tribute to President Neto, a close ally of the Kremlin, as an outstanding statesman and one of the prominent leaders of the international revolutionary movement.

"The people will always remember Agostinho Neto... as a tireless and consistent fighter for a happy future for all mankind," the message said.

The message was also signed by Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin who is on an official visit to Ethiopia.

Diplomats expected Kosygin to travel on the Luanda for the funeral.

Neto, who became President in 1975 after leading a long guerrilla war against his country's Portuguese rulers, arrived in Moscow last Thursday on what was officially described as a friendly visit.

Announcing his death, the Soviet news agency Tass said President Neto had been suffering from acute liver disease and underwent surgery by top Soviet doctors which revealed an inoperable cancer of the pancreas.

Neto, whose government enjoyed the support of Cuban troops in its war with opposition guerrillas, first came to Moscow in October 1976. During that visit he signed a friendship treaty which symbolized Angola's strong links with the Soviet Union.

Among the many tributes, was one from Portugal, once the colonial ruler of Angola.

President Antonio Ramalho Eanes of Portugal said the world had lost an exceptional statesman.

General Eanes said he had lost someone with whom he had personal links and whose contribution to inter-African relations had reached an exceptional level.

In the United Nations, U.S. Ambassador Donald McHenry paid tribute to Neto of Angola as a true nationalist.

McHenry added: "In my dealings with President Neto and his

associates and government, I found them to be gracious hosts and true nationalists interested in the development of their country and in the peaceful resolution of the complex problems of Southern and Central Africa."

Zambia and Tanzania were among the countries which declared national mourning and the news of Neto's death also saddened guerrillas in Southern Africa whom he helped after winning his own war against Portuguese colonial rule.

Neto provided training bases in Angola for Zimbabwe Rhodesia guerrillas and played a more direct role in the Namibian (Southwest African) dispute.

Neto's death comes at a time when the Angolan government is plagued with internal dissension over policies and as anti-MPLA guerrilla activity continues in eastern regions of the southern African nation.

Neto had appeared to be leaning toward the West in recent months, because he desperately needed western economic aid to help rebuild the still-shattered economy of Angola, a major oil-producing state.

Neto was reported to have been in the U.S.S.R. in April for what was publicly advertised as a visit "for friendship sake."

But even then, he was thought to be stricken with cancer.

Pol Pot regime reportedly murdered 2 million people

LONDON, Sept. 12 (R) — Cambodian Khmer Rouge rulers killed perhaps two million people before Vietnam ousted them this year and they left behind a desolate, starving land, a British reporter who has been inside the Asian nation said Wednesday.

John Pilger's exclusive story was carried by the mass-circulation *Daily Mirror* newspaper beneath pictures by colleague Eric Piper which showed human skulls smashed by the hammers of Khmer Rouge executioners.

Pilger said he talked to a teacher who, with his class, had to join the forced evacuation of Phnom Penh when the Khmer Rouge took the capital in 1975.

The children were forbidden to go home and seek their parents, the teacher said. "Most of the little ones died of exhaustion or hunger."

The *Mirror* captioned Piper's pictures "Echo of Auschwitz." One showed a pile of clothes, many of them children's, and photographs meticulously kept by the killers of some of the 12,000 victims of Tuol Sleng extermination center.

The reporter found Phnom Penh a ghost city. Cars, modern devices abhorred to the Khmer Rouge, rotted in a huge pile on the



SIDE TRIP: Jordan's King Hussein stands with Cuban soldiers looking at a bust of Lenin at a military academy recently. The king, who attended the sixth nonaligned summit conference held in Havana, took a side trip to tour Cuban military schools.

The gap between foes is too big El Salvador's ticking time bomb

SAN SALVADOR, Sept. 12 (AP) — Tensions between the government and an increasingly bolder leftist element are tight in this tiny Central American republic. The gap between right and left, rich and poor, has widened so much that many feel violence is inevitable.

What has driven El Salvador to the brink of such violence? Here are answers to some of the more common questions:

Q: What is the unrest in El Salvador all about?

A: During 47 years under a string of military governments, a small group of the 4.5 million people here has gained control of most of the money and land. The military governments have bolstered the fortunes of this tiny elite and have often been ruthless in crushing dissent.

This, plus widespread charges of fraud during the past two presidential elections, has driven activist workers, students and peasants to the extreme left and caused them to look to drastic measures to change the system.

Q: Who are the leftists and what do they want?

A: Most are workers, students and peasants joined in a myriad of organizations, some of which are vaguely linked together.

All the groups want to replace the current military-banked government of Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero with a Marxist one, but finer points of ideology and method remain in dispute. When the big push comes, "our common struggle will draw us together," a spokesman for one of the groups said.

Q: Are their members communists?

A: Some are. Groups which do not openly embrace the Communist Party preach a Marxist-Leninist line.

Q: Is the government doing anything to ease the tension?

A: Yes, but it claims that no matter what it does, the leftists want power, not peace, and will continue their fight to topple the

regime.

Last month, Romero announced that free and unhindered congressional and mayoral elections would be held next March and that the government would tolerate a civilian president if one were elected when his term expires in 1982. Opposition politicians, both radical and moderate, have expressed doubts about this, with many saying they have no faith in Romero's intent to carry out the promises.

The government has taken a softer approach toward dissent in recent months and has ignored demonstrations and occupations of churches that it might have fired on earlier. Most major churches are occupied by leftists and 10 industrial plants are held by striking workers. Management officials are being held hostage in five of them. But the government has made no move to intervene.

A five-year program of "well-being for all" is underway to build more schools and public housing units and to redistribute land. As of now, an estimated 60 per cent of the arable land is held by 2 per cent of the people.

Radio stations are running a steady string of government announcements, accompanied by soft guitar music and an assuring voice, listing the progress made toward these goals.

Only time will tell if enough can be done soon enough to defuse the situation in El Salvador. And time, say the leftists, is about up.

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A: Some are. Groups which do not openly embrace the Communist Party preach a Marxist-Leninist line.

Q: Is the government doing anything to ease the tension?

A: Yes, but it claims that no matter what it does, the leftists want power, not peace, and will continue their fight to topple the

Frederic threatens Southwestern region of the United States

MIAMI, Sept. 12 (AP) — Hurricane Frederic, described as "extremely dangerous," roared toward the Gulf Coast Wednesday with winds of 130 mph and at least 170,000 persons were ordered evacuated in three states.

Forecasters warned it could become the most vicious hurricane to hit the area since Camille caused widespread death and destruction a decade ago.

Civil defense officials said about 100,000 people were being evacuated along the Mississippi Gulf coast where Camille left 250 dead and millions of dollars in damage in 1969.

In neighboring Alabama, another 70,000 were ordered to leave and urged to go to about 40 emergency shelters set up at schools and National Guard armories in Mobile and Baldwin County.

The National Guard was called out in the Florida Panhandle and schools were closed in three states.

One man was killed and another was reported missing as 2,500 offshore oilfield workers were leaving rigs in the path of the storm.

At 1200 GMT, Frederic was about 2.8 kilometers south of Pensacola, Florida, near latitude 27.6 North, Longitude 87.3 West. The storm was moving northwest at 20 kmh and was expected to remain on that course most of the day.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said Frederic was "one of the most intense hurricanes to threaten the Central Gulf Coast during this century."

The storm, picking up strength, was approaching No. 4 on the National Hurricane center's 1-5 rating scale. Camille, one of the two strongest U.S. storms this century, was a No. 5, a "catastrophic" hurricane. It took 256 lives.

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Addis reportedly assured of more Russian support

NAIROBI, Sept. 12 (AP) — Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin said the Soviet Union seeks to intensify its support for Marxist Ethiopia, official Ethiopia news media have reported after discussions between Kosygin and strongman Mengistu Haile-Mariam.

The government radio in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital said Tuesday Kosygin and Mengistu leader of the military committee that overthrew the late Emperor Haile Selassie, conferred for two and a half hours. The broadcast, monitored in Nairobi, said the talks centered on bilateral matters

and international affairs.

Kosygin arrived Monday for the anniversary of the revolution in 1974.

The radio quoted the *Ethiopian Herald* the government's English-language daily, in a report on a speech by Kosygin Monday night.

The newspaper said the Soviet premier attached great importance to further strengthening of Soviet-Ethiopian cooperation.

Kosygin reportedly described the eastern African country as in the first rank of opponents to imperialism and colonialism.

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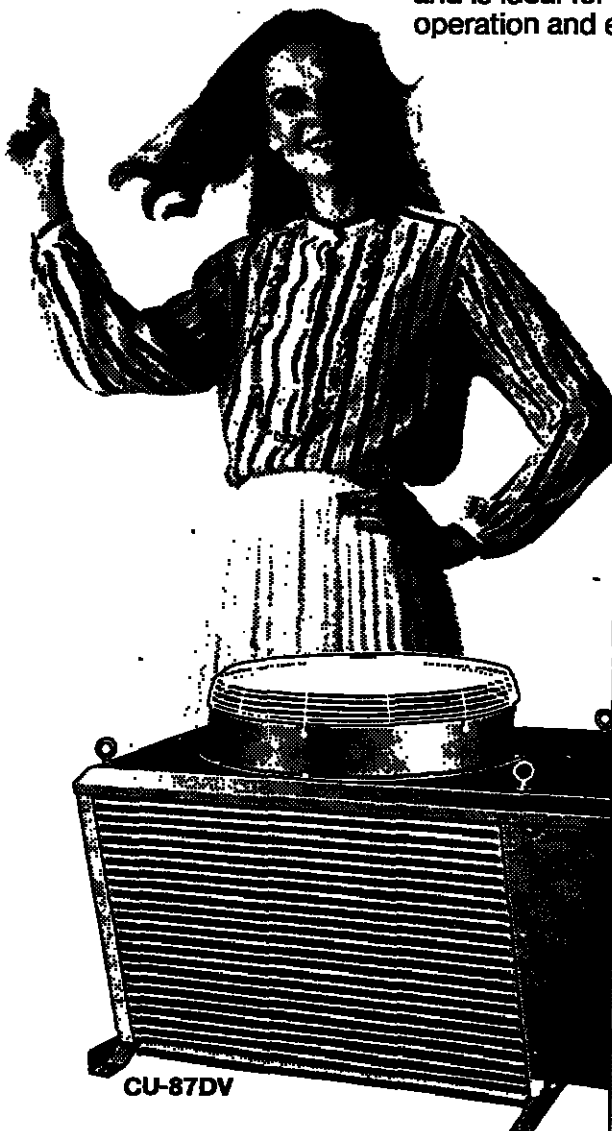
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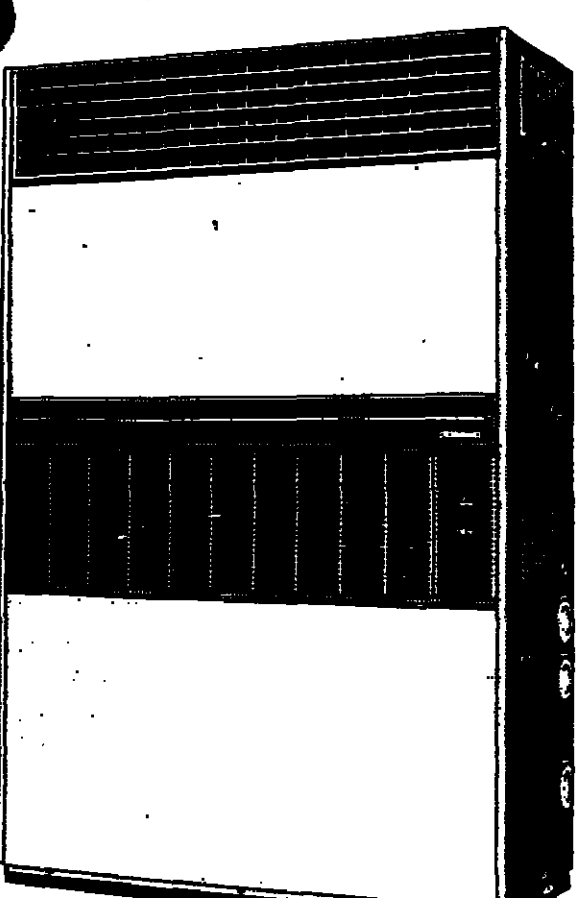
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A SHEEP STORY

For centuries, villagers all over the world have raised herds of sheep for their livelihood. There's nothing special about raising sheep and little that is controversial. They supply meat, wool and milk, all important ingredients in daily life.

Except, it seems, in Israel. There, officials say, sheep are "a source of grave threat to cultivated areas."

Israeli officials admit that a flock of 306 sheep and 25 goats belonging to Palestinian villagers near Hebron have been confiscated and taken to the slaughter-house.

The only crime, it seems, is that the sheep and goats were found grazing one day on "Israeli land."

In other countries, the problem of sheep straying into farmers' fields to graze is not new. But elsewhere, it usually has a different solution. There, strong fences have been found to be an effective deterrent.

But in Israel, as it is in so many matters, things are different. The villagers were warned several times, Israeli authorities say, to make certain their sheep and goats stayed away from fields under cultivation.

But the sheep and goats, no doubt attracted by the greenery in the fields, and undeterred by any fences or other barricades, took it upon themselves to follow the call of nature and graze where the grass was lush.

This was natural. The Israeli response was not. Preservation of nature is a noble cause. So is a farmer's right to raise his crops without having them eaten by sheep, birds, locusts, or whatever. But there are ways to protect crops short of killing sheep.

Israel's founding philosophy has always emphasized the Zionization of the land it occupies, even to the extent of driving out its former occupants.

Those who have remained, in spite of it all, have had their lands seized, have been banned from travel, have been forced off the land — in short, have been given every inducement possible to leave the country.

The Israeli authorities have generously told the villagers that after they are taken to court on a charge of illegally grazing their sheep, and sentence is passed, they may be paid for the value of the slaughtered mutton.

But a flock of sheep is more than meat on the hoof. It is wool for clothes, dairy products for daily meals, and occasionally a lamb or ewe for a feast. Above all, it is a living thing, reproducing itself to provide future generations of villagers with a livelihood as well.

By killing the flock — no matter what is paid as compensation — the Israelis have deprived a village of its life, and in doing so they have given the villagers a powerful incentive to join the millions of Palestinian refugees.

Somewhere in the telling of this tale there lies a message. Is it one of Israeli concern for the sanctity of a farmer's field, or did the authorities have something else in mind when they killed the sheep?

Heat on Dayan for talks with Palestinians

By Arie Haskel

Prominent supporters of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's coalition government are asking how much longer he will tolerate Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, who again incurred their wrath when he travelled to Gaza last week for a meeting with a leading PLO supporter.

Dayan did not consult Begin and, according to the man he met — Gaza physician and one-time speaker of the Palestinian Parliament there, Dr. Haidir Abdel Shafi — their "wide-ranging and largely theoretical" discussion included such matters as whether the borders between a Palestinian State and Israel should be open.

(Shafi has twice been exiled from Gaza, on Moshe Dayan's orders, for supporting the PLO.) Some of Dayan's critics have been saying that they see little difference between his behavior and that of Andrew Young. One of the Foreign Minister's Cabinet colleagues, who asked not to be named, described his behavior as "weird, egotistical and dangerous."

The chairman of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Professor Moshe Arens, said that Dayan had once again "shot from the hip and in the wrong direction." He could see no justification for such a meeting, since the views of the PLO and its supporters were well known.

The Foreign Minister himself described the meeting as "very useful," saying he had learned new things about the thinking of Palestinians in the administered Areas. He insisted he would continue holding such conversations.

Briefing Foreign Ministry department heads the next day, Dayan told them that he was convinced that autonomy could not work without the cooperation of the Palestinians, who would have to be persuaded to drop their rejection of the Israeli-Egyptian peace process.

According to Shafi, Dayan told him that Egypt wished to launch autonomy as a pilot project in the Gaza Strip, after which it could also be applied in the West Bank. Dayan wanted to know which Gazans Shafi thought might be prepared to take part in autonomy talks.

The physician says he told Dayan he knows of no such people, since the entire Gaza Strip has made clear its absolute rejection of the Camp David accords.

At the weekend it became clear that the Gaza meeting was only one of a series and that, among prominent figures sounded out recently, are a former Speaker of the Jordanian Parliament, Hikmet al Masri, and the former Mayor of Nablis, Haj Maazouz al Masri.

Dayan's apparent motive in these meetings is to find West Bank and Gaza notables who could be persuaded to give autonomy a try, leaving it to them to decide whether this should be done with the blessing of the PLO or in the face of PLO opposition.

The Foreign Minister also made plain in his briefing of senior officials that, if this effort failed because of the PLO, it would become easier for Israel to explain its position to the United States and the rest of the world.

Dayan also incurred the wrath of some of his colleagues when he said that any future Jewish settlements in the West Bank should be strictly confined to State lands and be part of a detailed program which must be published, "so that the whole thing would be open and above board." — (OFNS)



Indira on the comeback trail

By Sumanda Datta-Ray

THE lists for India's seventh general election opened with the resounding rallying cry of "Indira bhalo, desh bachao!" — "Bring back Indira to save the country!"

The December poll, the world's biggest democratic exercise, is expected to cost \$200 million. About 360 million men and women will cast their votes. They will elect 544 MPs, as well as regional governments for Goa, Pondicherry, Manipur, Sikkim and possibly Gujarat and Assam.

The real interest of the triangular contest lies in whether Indira Gandhi, 62, will regain the supremacy she enjoyed as Indian Prime Minister for 11 years.

Fitted against her are 77-year-old Charan Singh, head of the caretaker coalition government, and the Harijan (untouchable) leader, Jagjivan Ram, 71, who presides over the Janata Party. A fourth group, the Official Congress Party, which is the junior partner in Charan Singh's coalition, is not expected to survive the nationwide stampede to join Mrs. Gandhi.

Haunted by fears of her comeback, the Prime Minister's hatchman, Raj Narain, has launched into a campaign of vilification against Mrs. Gandhi. He had earlier claimed that someone in India had received a pay-off of more than \$130 million from British Aerospace, the company from which Morarji Desai's Janata government last October ordered about 150-penetrator Jaguar aircraft at a cost of about \$2 billion. Narain now says that British Aerospace calls all the shots in Indian politics.

According to Narain, Mrs. Gandhi withdrew

support from the Charan Singh government because British Aerospace had threatened to "ruin her financial holdings in Britain" if she continued to prop up a government that had promised to investigate the Jaguar deal.

The Jaguar blackmail theory could boomerang, since Mrs. Gandhi was not Prime Minister when the decision was taken. Jagjivan Ram was the only connecting link — he was Defense Minister under both Mrs. Gandhi and Desai — but the shrewd Harijan let another cat out of the bag by announcing that the purchase had been approved by Charan Singh when he held the finance portfolio.

The controversy is welcome to Mrs. Gandhi because it enables her to project herself as the victim of relentless persecution by a vengeful government that ignores such colossal national problems as 15 per cent inflation, a raging famine in Madhya Pradesh, intensified victimization of Harijans and murderous Hindu-Muslim riots in the Bihar steel city of Jamshedpur, where 20 people were butchered recently.

Mrs. Gandhi has made a miraculous recovery from her political misfortunes. According to a recent opinion poll, she is the country's most popular politician and the first choice as premier of 48 per cent of the people.

Maharashtra congressmen, who had earlier disowned her, last week resolved that "Mrs. Gandhi alone can stem the rot that has set in, following the Janata government's failure, and put the country back on the rails." Their motion was ratified on Monday at a lavish Bombay reception, where Mrs. Gandhi graciously accepted the homage of her subjects.

Maharashtra's decision is bound to have a spill-

over effect. Her parliamentary strength overnight shot up from 71 to 84 before the December polls were announced. In Karnataka (formerly Mysore), her followers claim to be in a majority. They are also pleading with her to choose a constituency in the state, an honor that is hotly disputed by Andhra Pradesh state and by Indore city, once capital of the conquering Marhatta princes.

Poor Jagjivan Ram is forced to scotch rumors that he, too, will clamber aboard the winning bandwagon. "Those who treat me as an outcast in their public utterances approach me secretly for support," is Mrs. Gandhi's amused comment.

In the popular mind, she is now identified with law and order, the leader who will restore stability. Even her emergency rule has acquired new virtues in retrospect, its rigors quite forgotten. Her Congress is expected to bring down prices, cleanse politics of opportunism, weed out venal civil servants, protect Harijans and defend Muslims.

Mrs. Gandhi plays on these hopes by constantly denigrating her opponents. "Theatre of the absurd" is her label for the two Janata factions, while their leaders are "falling over backwards to grab power."

Supersensitive is her magic that the implied claim that Indira Gandhi is not interested in power and will accept office only at the stern call of duty is not often questioned.

Still, it will not be a walk-over. Mrs. Gandhi's strongholds are in the south, while many areas in the more influential north still obey Charan Singh. Being in office also gives his breakaway Janata (secular) faction a built-in advantage, while Jagjivan Ram is trying to rally 90 million Harijans to his standard. — (OFNS)

London loses an Arab diplomatic friend

By Michael Adams

Number 1 Carlton Gardens is a fine old house on the north side of London's Green Park, a few hundred yards from Buckingham Palace. Across the park, five minutes' walk takes you to the Foreign Office and, beside it, the little turning off Whitehall where, at Number 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister has his official residence. Close by on the other side are the crenellated red brick walls of the older palace of St. James, to which foreign diplomats assigned to London are still formally accredited.

In short, this is the heart of ceremonial London, with its echoes of past glories and its continuing attachment to traditional patterns of behaviour which some people may feel are out of date but which have their place in the way the British like to conduct the affairs of state. And for that reason Carlton Gardens was chosen as the setting for a lunch party last week at which the British Government said its official farewell to the departing Algerian Ambassador to London, Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi.

It was a small party, but a formal one. The host was Sir Ian Gilmour, whose portentous title of Lord Privy Seal in the Conservative Government masks his actual function as the government's spokesman on foreign affairs in the House of Commons. The guests included, besides senior officials of the Foreign Office, two other foreign ambassadors, one from Africa and the other from eastern Europe,

together with two newspaper editors, a member of parliament and a senior industrialist. There were toasts to the Queen and the President of the Algerian Republic. In this and in the exchange of speeches that followed, the proper forms of official protocol were carefully observed.

All this is true; I can vouch for it, for I was there. But it gives a most misleading impression of what was in fact a much less formal, a much more heartfelt, occasion. For His Excellency Lakhdar Brahimi, who has served for just over eight years in London as the Ambassador of the Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria, leaves Britain this week with no ordinary reputation as a competent and experienced diplomat. For an unusually wide circle of friends and admirers, who range from senior officials and diplomatic colleagues to quite ordinary citizens who have had the good fortune to make his acquaintance, Brahimi has been much more than an outstandingly successful ambassador. Lacking none of the proper diplomatic qualities of tact and discretion, he has managed all the same to extend his influence well beyond the normal "diplomatic channels" and to win respect at all sorts of levels as a spokesman, not just for the Arab world, but for that Third World in whose affairs Algeria has come to play an important part.

The eight years during which Lakhdar Brahimi has been in London have seen a significant change in British attitudes towards the Arab world. Many factors have played a part in this slow evolution but all those who have worked to hasten it would

agree that Brahimi has played a leading part in the process. Whether in the context of Palestine or of OPEC or the wider hopes and aspirations which the Arabs share with the developing world, no voice has been more widely respected than his, no advocacy more effective, in building bridges of understanding and cooperation between Britain and the Arab world.

If you asked them to account for his success, different people would no doubt single out different reasons. Hard work would certainly be one, and the integrity which won him the respect of minister and officials — and it is not given lightly — in his formal contacts with the Foreign Office. His unfailing courtesy to everyone, and most of all to the unimportant and the unimportant, must certainly have helped. A sense of humor which seemed to adapt itself instinctively to the whims and oddities of the British character was a most valuable attribute. And to all this I would add the fact that everyone knew that if Lakhdar Brahimi said he would do something, it would be done.

Within the official framework, an ambassador's duties allow relatively little flexibility; but how far he is able to spread his activities beyond that framework must depend on the individual's own energy and aptitudes. At social gatherings at the Algerian Embassy in recent years one could always be sure of meeting an unusually wide range of guests, going well beyond the diplomats and businessmen with whom an ambassador must maintain contact, to include artists and writers and tele-

vision producers — and above all a noticeable large proportion of younger people, those among whom fresh ideas were stirring and who were less constrained than their elders by established traditions and prejudices. This reflected the breadth of the ambassador's own interests and his knack of spotting the rising talent in any of half a dozen fields — and it can only have been helped by the presence at his side of a young wife who leaves her own special mark on the diplomatic life of London. Besides carrying out her duties as an ambassador's wife (and as the mother of his children), Milica Brahimi achieved the distinction during her stay in London of preparing herself for and completing the course for an Honours Degree in English Literature at London University. I know of no parallel for this success.

So it is not surprising that the atmosphere at that farewell lunch at the Foreign Office was less formal than usual, or that Sir Ian Gilmour, putting aside the dignity of the Lord Privy Seal, should have spoken with real feeling of his sense of loss at the departure from London of Lakhdar and Milica Brahimi. They will be very much missed, not just by the growing circle of the friends of the Arabs in London, but by many other people who enjoyed their stimulating company and appreciated the distinctive contribution they made to the cosmopolitan life of London — and who knew that no one had been more successful than these two in putting across to the British people, with tact and good humor but also with firmness, the point of view of the Arab world.

saudi press review

Newspapers Wednesday continued to highlight the visits to the country by the Presidents of Kenya and Somalia and analyzing their importance in the development of bilateral relations and Arab-African solidarity in general.

The papers also featured Crown Prince Fahd's statements about Lebanon and his appeal for a joint Arab action to save the country. Prince Fahd also called on the United States to use its good offices to halt the attacks on that country.

Al-Riyadh headlined a fresh round of clashes in Beirut which involved Armenians and militiamen.

The papers also highlighted the arrest of a Kuwait citizen by Kuwait authorities for allegedly holding political meetings in contravention of the laws. He was reported to have held the meetings in a mosque without prior

permission. They quoted the Kuwait Interior Minister as saying that the government "will strike with an iron hand against anyone threatening the peace and tranquility of the country."

Commenting on this subject Al-Medina editorial said that sometimes we hear irresponsible comments and statements by Iranian officials which are completely at variance with the official policy of the government. It referred to earlier declarations made by an Iranian official regarding Bahrain and Iran's wish to reclaim it, which was later denied by the authorities in Tehran. "Now we hear of an Iranian Kuwaiti who is making reckless statements with a view to sowing discord in the country."

"We are confident," the paper said "that these statements represent nobody but the man himself because Iran is busy in putting out the fires at home and cannot be too preoccupied with any action or

statement aimed at creating tension and dissonance in any Islamic country."

Al-Medina said all Muslims are following with deep concern the events in Iran and praying that it be saved from further bloodshed and disturbances as they pray for the safety and tranquility of every other Islamic country.

"Saudi interest in African affairs stems from the Kingdom's awareness of the suffering that the continent's people have been through as a result of long periods of colonialism and foreign settlement. Some parts of Africa are still struggling to win their independence, and need help" according to Al-Riyadh.

"Coupled with this concern is the Kingdom's determination to see to it that the African states should be economically well off in order to leave no gap for imperialist or Zionist infiltration into their midst. Saudi Arabia has done a

great deal in expelling these two evils from Africa and built some solid bridges with Africa's independent states."

"That's why Saudi Arabia is always keen on Arab-African meetings which would lead to greater solidarity. Hence the Taif meeting which is another round in this ongoing process and also to find out the points of weakness in Arab-African relations which have been diagnosed recently," the paper said.

Commenting on Prince Fahd's statements about Lebanon Al-Nadwa said it was not the first time that Saudi Arabia has expressed concern for that country and offered to do anything to save it from further destruction and suffering.

"Saudi Arabia has already done a great deal and is willing to do even more for Lebanon," the paper said. "This should reassure the people and their leaders that the Kingdom will do anything to

help them and restore their peace and prosperity."

The paper hoped that the other Arab countries will respond to the Saudi government's appeal for joint action to help Lebanon.

In another commentary Al-Nadwa said that the non-aligned conference produced a set of resolutions that a compromise after a long period of wrangling and differences over what should be done and said.

"But the resolutions by themselves will be of no use if there is no way of carrying them out," the paper said.

"The movement knows that the resolutions, unless carried out and adhered to, will be futile and the movement itself will suffer and perhaps lapse into oblivion. This has been the problem all along and failure to find ways of implementing resolutions will cut the movement down to size and freeze any progress towards the solution of international problems," it said.



"There may soon be a law to prohibit throwing garbage in the street."
"Who cares, I have taught my children to throw it at the neighbor's door."
— Al-Riyadh

Devotion and ancient anarchy at Najran



"Self-destroyed were the owners
of the trench
Of the fuel-fed fire
When they sat by it
And were the witnesses of what
they did to the believers"

Surah LXXXV vv. 4-7

Thorns sprout from the lower courses of one of the larger structures at Ukhudud

By James Buchanan

NAJRAN: Ukhudud is a melancholy place. Thorn and acacia grow without luxuriance between the tumbled masonry and vipers spy the interstices of massive walls. It is the Eid Al-Fitr. The high walls of the Wadi Najran rattle off a sound of gunfire and the demure clapping of spectators at a show of horsemanship a mile away. In the ruin field, there are picnickers. A Pakistani sweeper from town stares in wonder at pictures on the Cyclopean walls of the ruin platform — a horse, a man, two snakes intertwined — the red devotion of a humble art. Confusion of old glory and anarchy, the ruins spread across 12 miles on the southern side of the wadi. H. B. St. J. Philby liked the place. "Of all the daughters of Sheba, Najran is the fairest, like a woman in her prime, calm and serene in remembrances of past troubles but gaily facing the promise of joyful days in the keeping of a new lord", he wrote in the 1930s on after the annexation of the wadi to the Saudi state. "Day by day, looked out over across the river to its crown and ancient glory—the

tumbled ruins of Negrana Metropolis".

Twenty years later, Philby gained Abdul Aziz permission to bring a scholar to look at the metropolis. Monsignor Gouzague Ryckmans of Louvain found the ruin field deficient in inscriptions.

Ukhudud is generally taken to mean "the trenches", and Philby connected the name with an event of great historical importance for Arabia and Islam. In the summer of 523 AD, Najran and its metropolis made up a flourishing state, profiting off tolls on the incense route from Dhofar and Hadhramaut and the produce of the spate-fed wadi.

But a Judaizing king of the Himyar people in the south, Dhu Nuwas Yusuf — the lord of the curls — had launched a campaign against the Christian states of Himyar and the north.

Coming before Najran that summer, Dhu Nuwas is said to have offered the inhabitants and their governor or bishop, Arethas, the choice between Jewry and death. When they would not recant, he ordered vast trenches to be dug and filled with timber which the Najranis were made to stand on until the faggots were fired.

The event prompted the first Abyssinian intervention into Arabia. In May 525, King Ella Esbaha invaded with an avenging Christian

army 70,000 strong against the Himyar and Dhu Nuwas. The Jew is said to have spurred his horse into the sea rather than submit.

The leader of the Abyssinian expedition, Abraha, used Sanaa as a base for operations to control the incense route. His church at Sanaa became a center of pilgrimage, and in 570 he launched a campaign north partly to ruin the competing center of pilgrimage at Mecca.

This expedition, took place about the year of the Prophet's birth (570), generally remembered as the "Year of the Elephant". Marching up along the edge of the great wadis that drain the Taif-Abha scrap, Abraha defeated a Himyar chief. But while attempting to enter the town to destroy the Kaaba, Abraha's elephant refused to move forward.

On the return journey, his army was mysteriously destroyed and Abraha himself was "smitten with the plague so that his limbs rotted off piecemeal", according to Tradition.

The sequence of events, the massacre in the Trenches and the March of the Elephant, are recorded in the Holy Koran. Surah CV, a very early Meccan revelation, tells the story of Abraha:

"Hast thou not seen how thy Lord dealt with the owners of the Elephant?"

"Did he not bring their stratagem to naught,
"And send against them swarms of flying creatures,
"Which pelted them with stones of baked clay
"And made them like green crops (devoured)?"

Muslim commentators say that Surah LXXXV, another very early revelation, refers to the purge at Ukhudud in a parable of hell-fire.

It is for this reason, according to a rather unreliable bedu at the ruin field, that non-Muslims are not welcome at the site. The best course for those wishing to visit it is to secure a passport from the office of the Amir, Sheikh Fahd ibn Khaled ibn Sudairi.

Little changes under the sun. The history of pre-Islamic south Arabia, like that of the more modern Middle East, is one of bitter competition for economic resources under the banner of religious strife. Foreign powers occasionally intervene. In 23 BC Augustus Caesar despatched Aelius Gallus to investigate the incense route. He landed at Jar, the port of Medina, and marched through Negrana, where he found the ruler fled.

His return journey from the walls of Marib, where he was checked, was appalling. In Wadi Gattan, north of Wadi Najran, Ingrid El-Khalidi describes in conversation a picture of a figure in a plumed helmet being disembowelled by a bedu with a long lance. Between the figures is a curious turn.

Only a handful made it back to Jar.

In the next centuries, the three great powers of Late Antiquity — Christian Constantinople and Aksum in Abyssinia and Zoroastrian Iran — took an interest in the incense trade, either through proxies or armed expeditions.

The bedu around Najran call any structure or inscription of any age *Himyar*. But in fact the history of the region is extraordinarily complex, littered with the troubling names of forgotten empires. The Sabaeans of Marib seem to have dominated the early period, with interruptions from the kingdom of Ansan on the south coast and Qataban on the modern borders off the Yemens. At the same time, the Kingdom of Main grew to power around Jauf in east Yemen and in Wadi Najran.

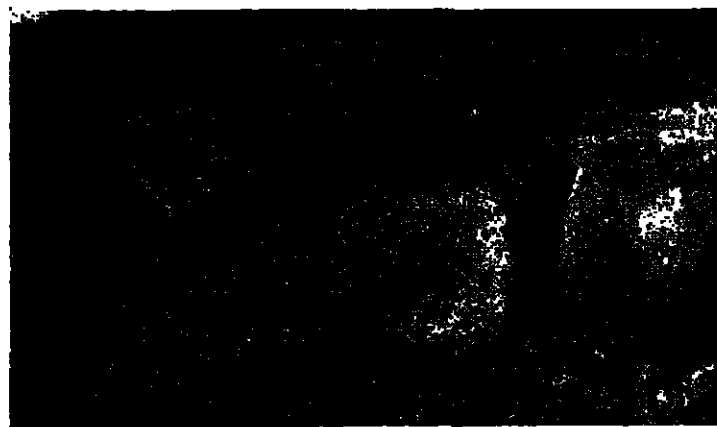
A Minaean trading outpost at Al-Ula, near Medain Saleh, flourished in the first half of the 3rd century BC.



(Othman)

The Himyar proper overran the coast and much of the inland area and vied with the received Sabaeans through the 2nd century AD. In the third century, the Christian Habashat of Aksum and the Persians enter on the scene. It is only with the compelling appearance of Islam that order is brought to this chaos, although by now the incense route is in decay.

In the almost continuous struggle for domination, the incense route seems to have stayed comparatively stable. This trade began with frankincense, the aromatic resin from Dhofar, which was originally carried by sea to Egypt, where it was much in demand for liturgical purposes.



Smashed grinding-stones beneath a tell

With the domestication of the camel the trade moved inland, carried along camel routes from the south coast through Shabwa or Marib to Najran and along the skirts of the mountains to Mecca and the Jewish settlement of Yathrib (Medina) and the north.

The trade was joined by luxuries from Africa, India and the Far East, imported through Aden and the Hadhramaut. By taxes and tolls, the farming states on the route grew rich. Vast irrigation schemes went into place at Marib and Najran, with its mighty biannual floods, may have supported a population as large as today's. It was certainly a center of pagan pilgrimage in the earlier period.

Of the town's history very little is known and this will continue until the Department of Antiquities begins systematic excavation at the site. Some information about the Minaean period comes from inscriptions at Ula and at excavations in the Jawf and in the classical writers, Pliny and Strabo.

Later, Najran, appears to have been a partly independent trading and farming community. The 12-acre citadel shows the ruins of countless walls which show the forms of several large buildings — stores, even a palace. One of these buildings was thought by Philby to have carried a dome and he suggested it was a place of worship. There are large grinding stones for wheat or oil nearby.

The citadel appears to be surrounded by a moat, while a settlement stretches toward the mountain walls for about 70 acres, Philby said. There may also have been dykes to prevent flooding from the spate.

Upper course of the Wadi Najran during its summer spate last month



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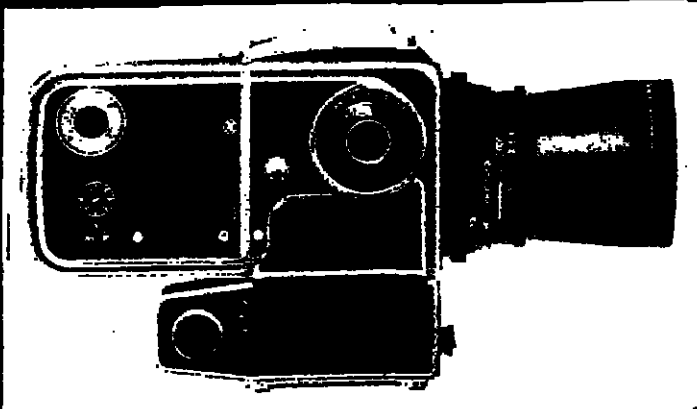
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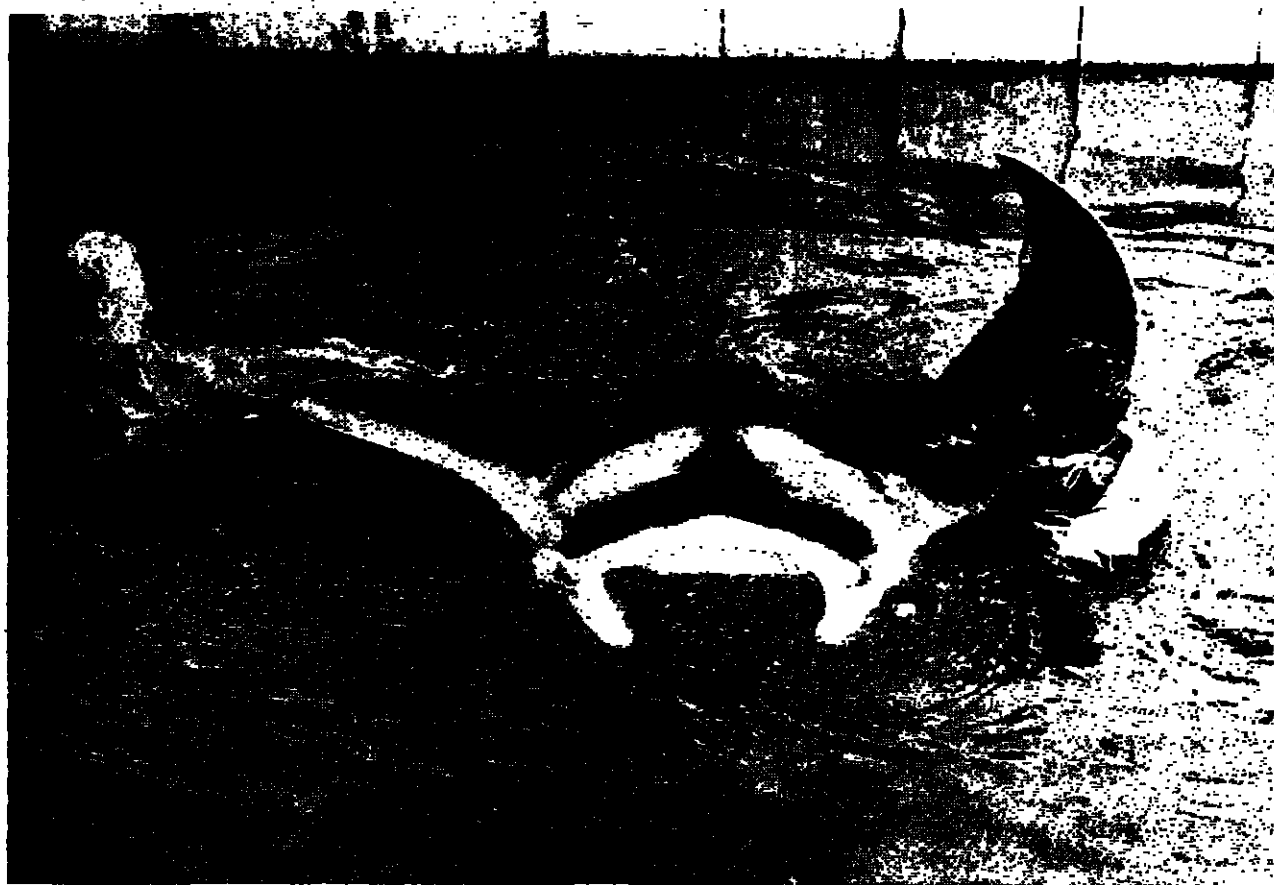


TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE : The humble bee is often the object of wicked calumny. Seen as the tormentors of children, men and animals the sight of one on reconnaissance is enough to instil mass panic and fear ! But for Norman Baust the bee is an insect of wonder and delight. A creature of nature that is an essential part of God's creation. Since he first started keeping bees 14 years ago, the hobby has turned into a passion. With three hives and between 60 to 80,000 bees they certainly keep him busy. Of the four types of bees, Caucasian, Carniolans, Cyprians the Italian is the most says to breed... and the friendliest ! " They are no trouble at all," said Norman, " and they do such a wonderful job pollinating the flowers. Most people think they are a menace because they puncture the skins of fruit, but this is a fallacy." The best time for working with the hives is between 10am and 3 pm. Norman explained that the Spring and Summer months are the best time for gathering the marvellous honey from the combs. It is well known that honey has curative properties. Not so well known that Royal Jelly, the secretion from the Pharyngeal glands of the Nurse bee is rich in vitamins, high in protein and fat, and low in sugar compared to honey. Norman did not deny the stories about Royal Jelly being good for one's love-life.

NORMAN BAUST : Wearing a whitesuit (above) (because Black is an unfriendly colour for the bee) inspects the bees in the Brood Nest to see if they are in good condition and to see if there are any Queen cells. Other Picture (right) shows a close up of the Brood Nest and the combs in which are formed the honey.



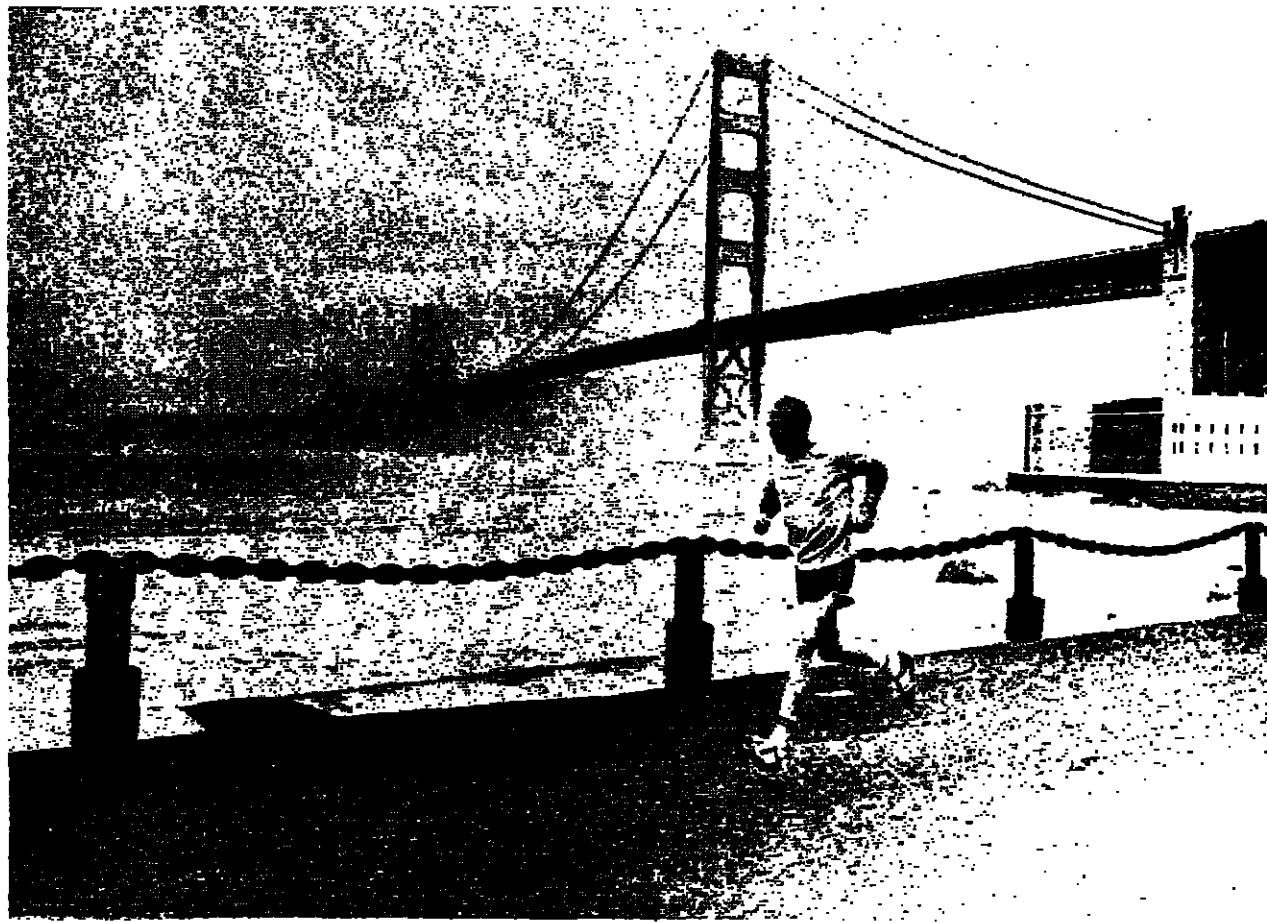
EVERYONE'S FOAL : The birth of a foal in the San Diego Wild Animal Park, California, has been the cause for much celebration recently. For the horse is a very rare breed, Przewalski, that are now extinct in their homeland of Mongolia. Only about 250 of the stocky light-coloured horses remain in the world, all living in zoos. Hags herds of the Mongolian horses were used by the warrior hordes of Ghenhis Khan. Tasting the foliage with mother the foal (left) has a hearty meal.



" The devil hath power to assume a pleasing shape." Shakespeare. The Manta Ray is the largest species of a class known as 'The Devil Fish'. Wearing protective clothing, two men above show a degree of courage as they spread the 'wings' of the Manta Ray.



F U L L CYCLE : The latest development for bicycle riders is a wheel of an idea. Instead of the normal hand-lebars, that have graced bikes since the turn of the century, some bright 'spoke' has come up with the idea of putting a car steering wheel in its place. Perhaps, in the future this, 'hybrid' will encourage frustrated motorists who are fed up with the increase in gas to take to the streets with gusto ! A 'Wheelie' (left) from Young Eddie in The USA riding a converted model.



" Shine by the side of every path we tread With such a lantern, he that rest may read." Creeper An elderly jogger below trends the path with the famous Golden Gate Bridge of San Francisco in the background. Jogging has become one of the great American cult sports. Fitness is the key word, and they are out to prove that the nation that runs together stays together.

Major breakthrough made for new economic order

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 12 (AP) — The world's developing nations have agreed to include energy in their negotiations with the industrial countries, their chairman announced Tuesday.

Tunisian Ambassador Mahmoud Mestiri, who heads the group of developing countries at the United Nations, called the move a major breakthrough in negotiations for a new world economic order.

In earlier talks the developing nations have rejected demands by industrial nations that energy should be part of the bargaining.

Mestiri said the developing countries had drafted a resolution to be proposed to the General Assembly calling for a round of "global and sustained negotia-

tions on international economic cooperation for development."

The draft resolution said the talks should include "major issues in the field of raw materials, energy, trade, development, money and finance."

The resolution called for the negotiations to begin after next year's special General Assembly session on the world economy.

U.S. officials testify

Nuclear power lacks clear-cut policy

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (AP) — Securities of nuclear utilities have largely rebounded from the Three Mile Island accident although many investors

remain wary about the future of nuclear power, financial experts have told Congress.

Contributing to this caution is the lack of a well-defined govern-

ment policy on nuclear energy's future role in the United States, testified officials of companies that raise and loan money for electric utilities.

"The confidence of investors is extremely fragile," J. Hugh Devlin, managing director of Morgan Stanley and Co., a New York-based investment banking firm, told the House Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment.

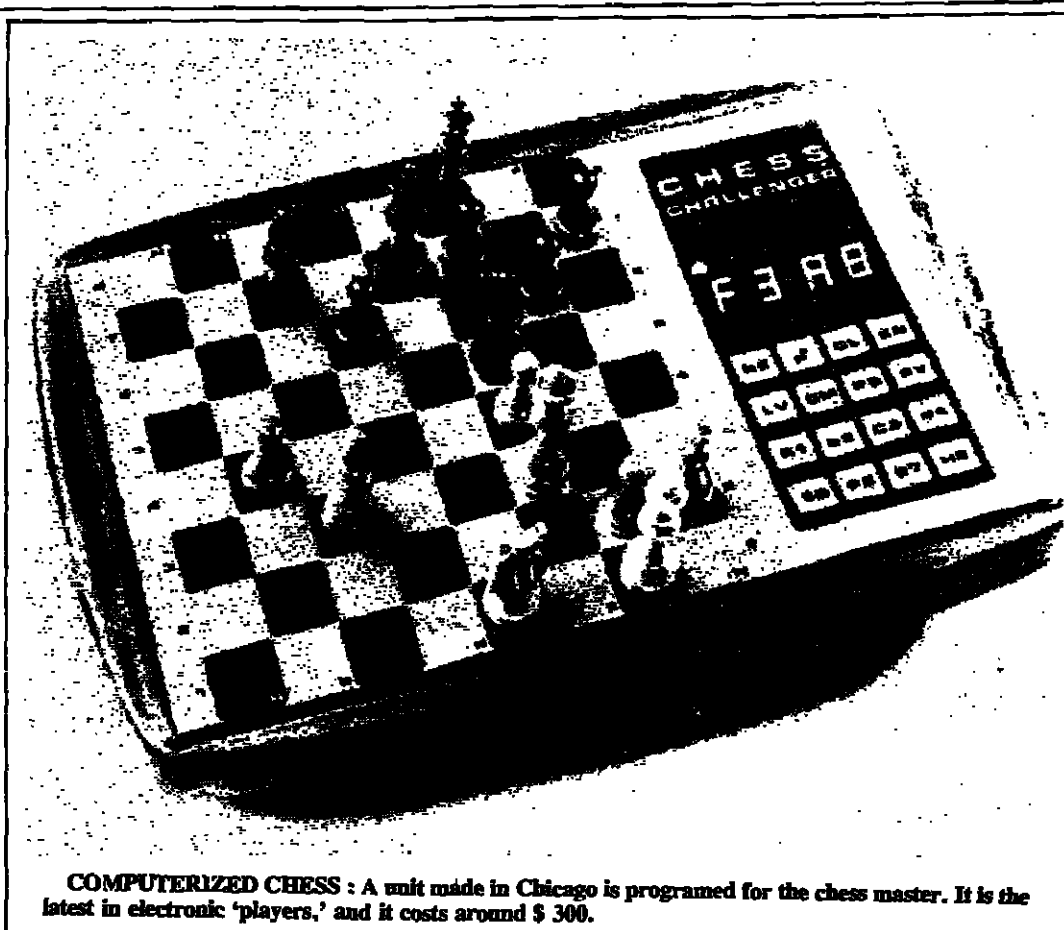
He noted that immediately after the March 28 accident at the Central Pennsylvania generating plant, securities of utilities with nuclear power plants experienced sharp price reductions in financial markets.

"Since that time, the securities of these companies have recovered most, but not all, of these declines as more information about the accident has become available," Devlin said in prepared testimony.

He said the notable exception to this price recovery is General Public Utilities Corp., the firm that owns the Three Mile Island plant.

Carleton D. Burr, executive vice president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, cited an "uncertainty and apparent absence of national purpose" on nuclear energy.

"There is an urgent need for sensibly determined public policy on nuclear power he said.



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After early gains Market turns down in late trading

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 After opening fractionally higher Tuesday morning, the market took a turn for the worse in afternoon trading declined sharply into negative territory. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 17 to 869.71 after being down over 9 points in late afternoon trading. Dow Jones Industrial Transport fell 1.81 to 258.81, and Dow Jones Industrial Utilities off 38 to 107.71. Volume of trading for the day was 42.9 million shares, 10 million ahead of yesterday's volume. Breadth was on the negative side as declines led advances 1046 to 468 and 397 issues unchanged. The American Exchange Index lost 1.94 on the day to 221.48.

Among the most active for the day, Howard Johnson added 1/2 to 23 1/2, Louisiana Land advanced 1 1/2 to 38, Caesars World dropped 2 to 18 1/2, magic unchanged at 34, Gulf lost 1/2 to 3 1/2, Bally declined

1 1/2 to 34 1/2, IBM fell 1/2 to 66 1/2, Mobil off 1 1/2 to 46 1/2, Charter off 1/2 to 41 1/2, and Engelhard Minerals Chemicals rose 1 1/2 to 47. Growth and glamour turned in a negative performance with Lilly down 1 1/2 to 57 1/2, Merck fell 1 1/2 to 66 1/2, Smithkline dropped 1 1/2 to 43 1/2, Burroughs off 1 1/2 to 71 1/2, Xerox lost 1/2 to 63 1/2, Texas Inst. dropped 1 1/2 to 94 1/2, Hewlett Packard fell 1 1/2 to 42 1/2, and CBS declined 1 1/2 to 52 1/2.

Energy issues lost ground with Freeport Minerals down 1 1/2 to 48 1/2, MESA Pete down 1 1/2 to 68 1/2, Std. Oil of Ohio lost 1 1/2 to 67 1/2, Schlumberger off 8 1/2 to 84, and Murphy Oil declined 1 1/2 to 70 1/2. The only big gainers in this sector were Pittston up 1 1/2 to 25 1/2 and Texas Oil Gas up 1 1/2 to 48.

In the basic industry sector, Allied Chem. lost 1/2 to 37 1/2, Dow rose 1/2 to 30 1/2, Monsanto gained 1/2 to 56 1/2, Boise Cascade fell 1/2 to 36 1/2, Weyerhaeuser down 1/2 to 33 1/2, and Lone Star fell 1/2 to 24 1/2.

Autos were mixed and little changed, machinery issues were lower with Bucyrus Erie off 1/2 to 20 1/2 and INTL. Harvester fell 1/2 to 41 1/2.

One other gambling stock not yet mentioned Resorts Intl. dropped 3 1/2 points to 36 1/2.

Among the aerospace, airlines, and rails, Northrop gained 1 1/2 to 35 1/2, Transworld fell 1/2 to 19, Northwest dropped 1/2 to 30 1/2, UAL down 1/2 to 25 1/2, and Bur-

lington Northern off 1/2 to 59 1/2.

Gold slacks

Meanwhile gold prices eased in Europe Wednesday from record levels.

The U.S. dollar firmed against most major currencies.

Bullion was traded in Zurich, the main European center for the metal, at \$336.50 a troy ounce, \$3.75 down from Tuesday's record close of \$340.25 an ounce. Gold hit an all-time record high in Zurich of \$341.75 during trading on Sept. 6.

The regular morning meeting of leading London gold dealers "fixed" the price at \$336.95, more than \$2.5 down from Tuesday's record closing \$339.625.

Gold prices have soared in recent weeks because of uncertainty about currencies, inflation and rising oil prices.

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Tehran will continue nationalization policy

TEHRAN, Sept. 12 (R) — Iran's revolutionary authorities will continue with a program of nationalization following their takeover of the banks and most private industry, the ruling clergy's economic adviser said in an interview published Tuesday.

Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, a member of the ruling Revolutionary Council, was quoted in the current issue of the English-language publication *The Iranian* as saying: "Nationalization will never come to an end. The public sector has priority over the private sector. Whenever the people's representatives conclude that a part of the economy must be nationalized, this will happen."

He did not name specific industries or companies that were listed

for nationalization but said: "All those activities that are basic to society will be part of the public sector."

The pre-revolutionary system under which the banks lent large sums to private capitalists would end, Bani-Sadr added.

Bani-Sadr does not play an executive role in the Iranian government but he is a member of the Constitutional Council of experts which is reviewing a new draft charter.

He told *The Iranian* "The government will be forced to accept the different points of my economic program one by one."

Oil was central to Iran's future economic development, he said.

The aim was to establish industries to absorb oil and its derivatives at home, so that local industries revolved around the commodity.

"I have proposed a 10-year program with the participation of the oil-importing nations so that by the end of this period we will have attained an independent industrial base, and they will have developed alternatives to oil. We would not have to export oil after that," the French-trained economist, who is head of the Revolutionary Council's Economic Committee, said.

Brazil offers areas for oil drilling

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil Sept. 12 (AP) — Brazil offered 123 areas throughout its continent-sized territory to foreign and domestic companies interested in drilling for oil on a risk-contract basis, both onshore and offshore.

Petrobras, the Brazilian state oil monopoly, Tuesday said that it will receive applications at its headquarters in Rio de Janeiro and at its offices in New York, London and Paris through Oct. 30. A preliminary list of "pre-qualifying companies" will be announced on Nov. 23, Petrobras said.

Petrobras published advertisements in major newspapers in Rio, Paris, London and New York inviting oil companies interested in the risk contracts.

Foreign Exchange Rates

WEDNESDAY	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.365
Found Sterling	7.55	7.55	7.50
Deutsche Mark (100)	186.00	186.25	185.80
Swiss F (100)	207.00	207.00	206.00
French F (100)	80.00	80.00	79.75
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	41.50	41.55
Lebanese Lira (100)	103.70	103.35	103.35
Syrian Lira (100)	86.60	79.00	—
Egyptian Pound	4.48	4.63	—
Kuwait Dinar	12.20	12.20	—
Jordanian Dinar	11.25	11.25	—
Emirates Dirham (100)	89.00	88.80	—
Qatari Riyal (100)	90.00	90.00	—
Bahraini Dinar	8.90	8.88	—
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)	9.50	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	74.50	74.10	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	81.00	86.85	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	42.20	—
Pakistani Rupee (100)	33.00	34.20	—
Gold kg.	36,800.00	—	—
10 Tolas bar	4,290.00	—	—
Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.20	15.60	15.60
Canadian Dollar	2.88	4.00	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	116.00	131.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	169.00	171.00	170.00
Spanish Peso	52.00	52.00	—
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6.	Lanka Kanti	Gulf	Bagged Barley	10.3.79
7.	Union Baltimore	O.C.E.	General/General	10.3.79
8.	Nestor Glory	Alpha	Bagged Sugar	6.3.79
9.	Ira	Red Sea	General/General	10.3.79
11.	Regina 'S'	Red Sea	General	7.3.79
12.	Evangelia	Alpha	General/General	10.3.79
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15.	Ion Khalil	Kanoo	General/General	11.3.79
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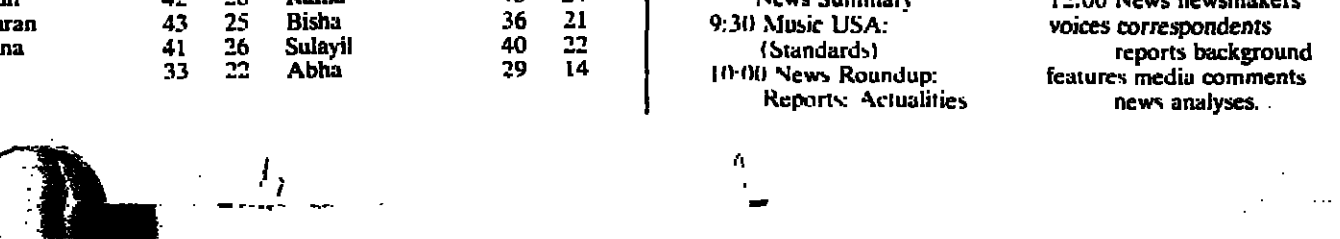
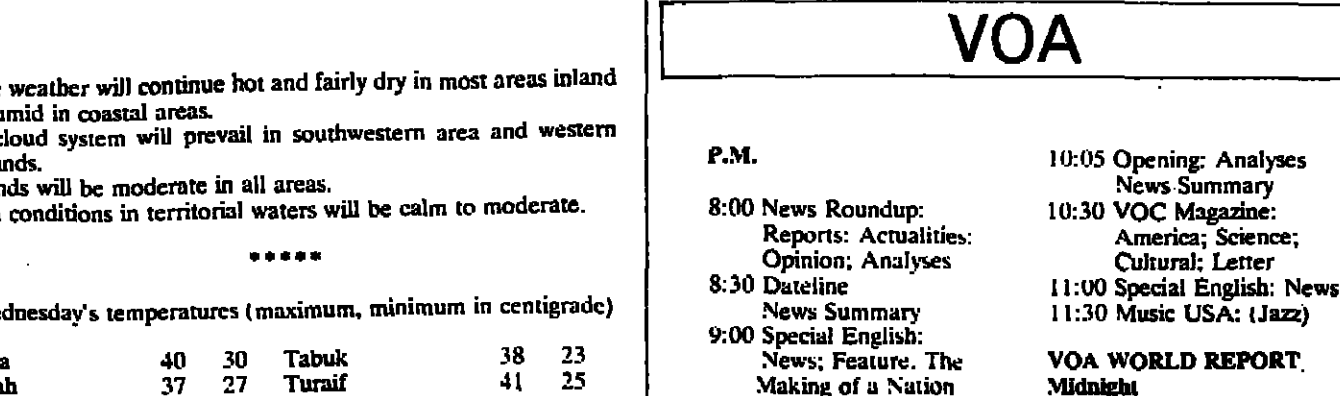
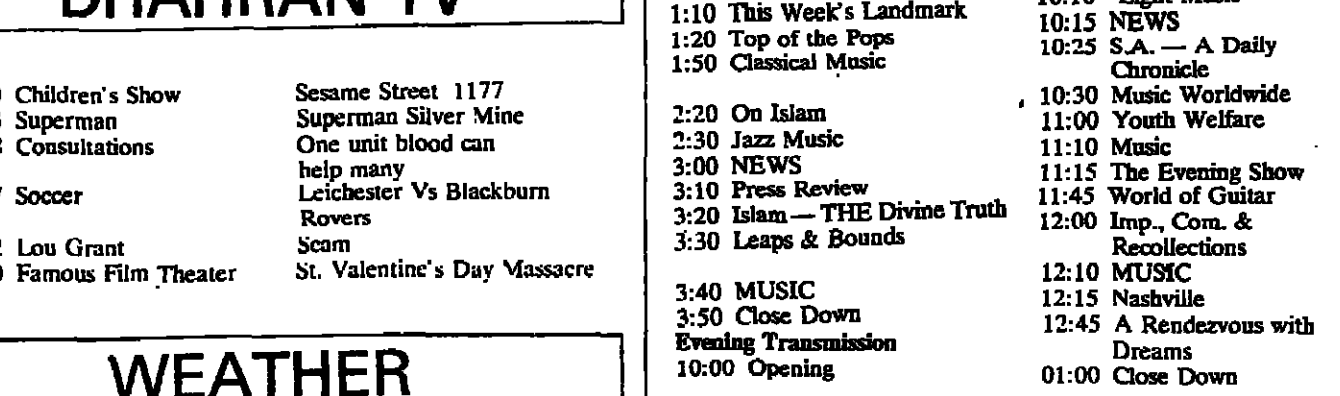
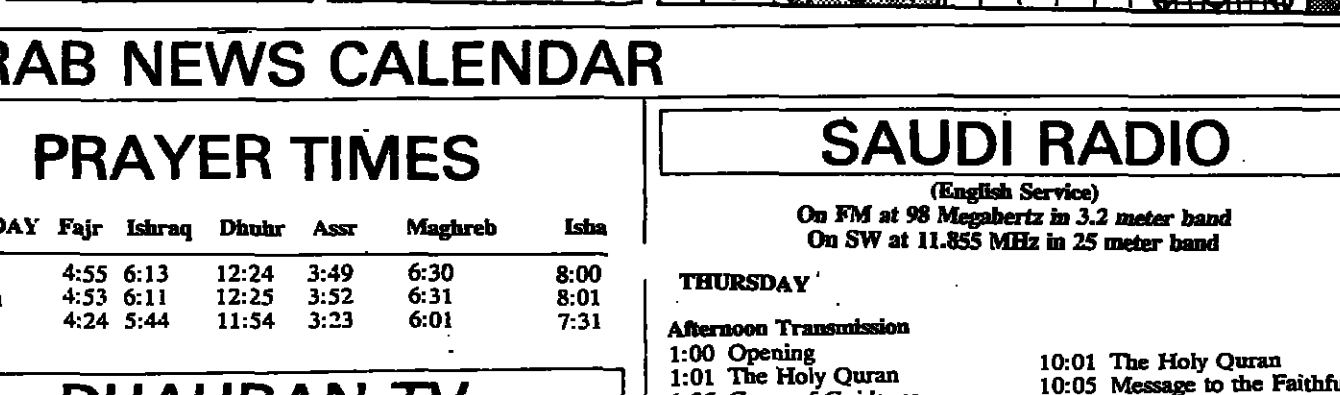
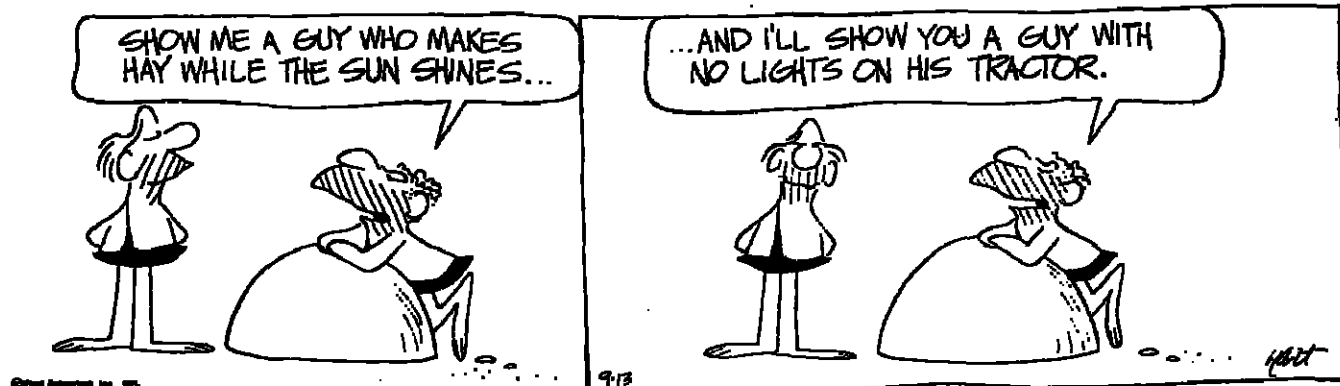
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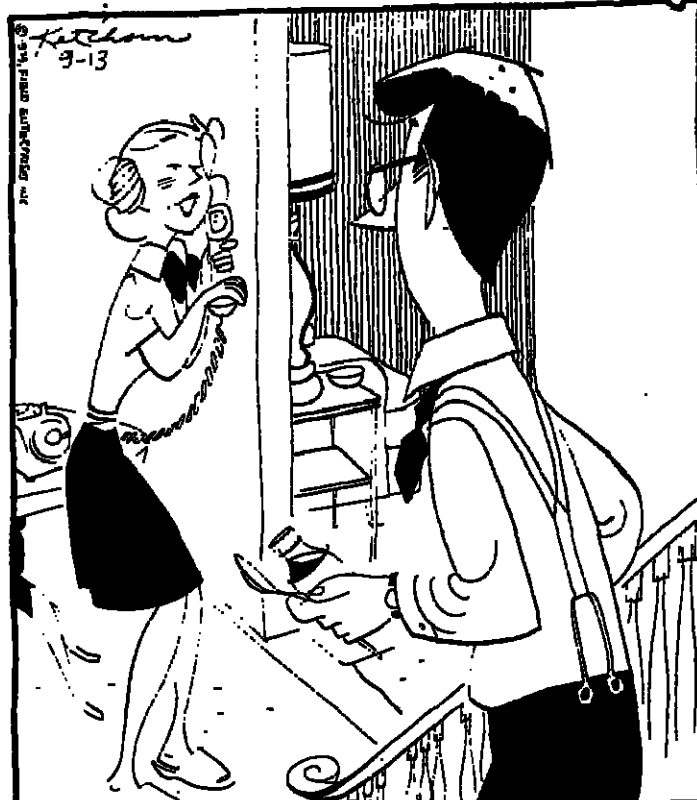
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by THOMAS JOSEPH

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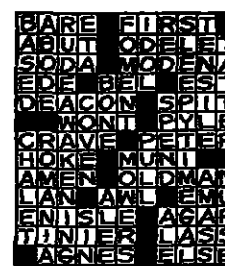
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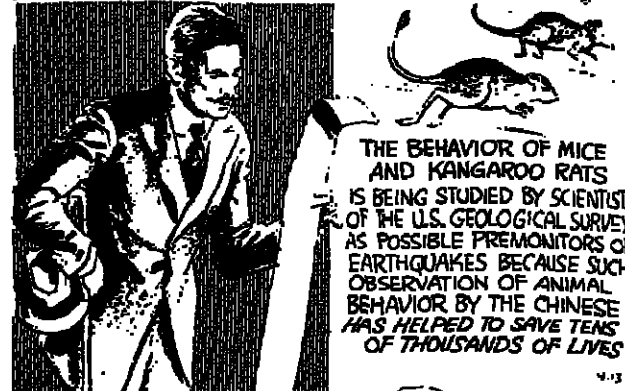
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Medina	4:53	6:11	12:25	3:52	6:31	8:01
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4:30 Children's Show	Sesame Street 1177
5:43 Superman	Superman Silver Mine
6:08 Consultations	One unit blood can help many
6:37 Soccer	Leicester Vs Blackburn
7:32 Lou Grant	Rovers
8:30 Famous Film Theater	Scam
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Wednesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

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Riyadh	42	28	Rafha	46	24
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1:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
1:10 This Week's Landmark	10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
1:20 Top of the Pops	10:30 Music Worldwide
1:50 Classical Music	11:00 Youth Welfare
	11:10 Music
	11:15 The Evening Show
	11:45 World of Guitar
	12:00 Imp., Com. & Recollections
	12:10 MUSIC
	12:15 Nashville
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	01:00 Close Down

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Reports: Actualities:	News Summary
Opinion: Analyses	10:30 VOC Magazine:
8:30 Dateline	America: Science;
News Summary	Cultural: Letter
9:00 Special English:	11:00 Special English: News
News: Feature, The	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
Making of a Nation	VOA WORLD REPORT
News Summary	Midnight
9:30 Music USA:	12:00 News newsmakers'
(Standards)	voices correspondents
10:00 News Roundup:	reports background
Reports: Actualities	features media comments
	news analyses.

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Morning Transmission

8.00 World News	4.09 Twenty-Four Hours:
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8.30 Sarah Ward	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8.45 World Today	5.15 Report on Religion
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9.30 Opera Star	6.15 Outlook
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10.30 Sarah Ward	7.45 World Today
10.45 Something to Show You	
11.00 World News	8.00 World News
11.09 Reflections	8.09 Books and Writers
11.15 Piano Style	8.30 Take One
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	8.45 Sports Round-up
12.00 World News	9.00 World News
12.09 British Press Review	9.09 News about Britain
12.15 World Today	9.15 Radio Newsreel
12.30 Financial News	9.30 Farming World
12.40 Look Ahead	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.45 The Tony Myster	10.39 Stock Market Report
	10.43 Look Ahead
	10.45 Ulster in Focus

Evening Transmission

1.15 Ulster in Focus	1.00 World News
1.30 Discovery	1.09 World Today
2.00 World News	1.25 Financial News
2.09 News about Britain	1.35 Book Choice
2.15 Alphabet of Musical	1.40 Reflections
Curios	1.45 Sports Round-up
2.30 Sports International	
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Frances Drake

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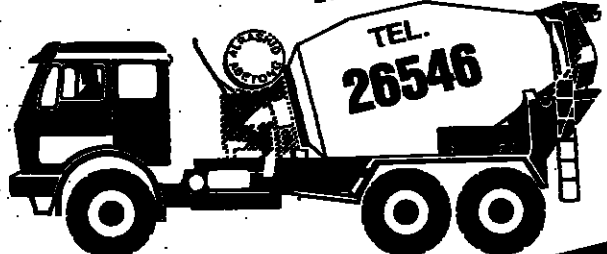
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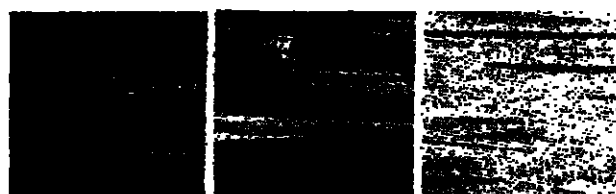
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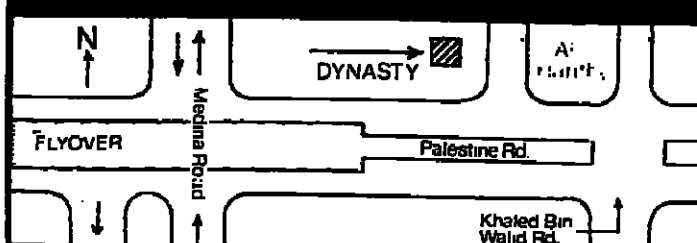
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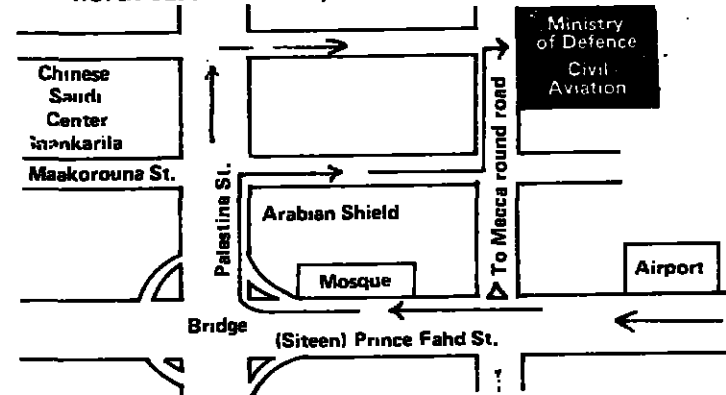
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On hospitality ...and records

By Michael J. Hall

Had a letter the other day from four young men working on the new Jeddah International Airport project, in which they shared some unexpected hospitality they'd received during a trip to Abha.

After commenting on the stark beauty of the mountains and to the road through them, the foursome went on to tell us of their reception in the small mountain village where they ended up spending a night.

It was, they said, "nestled in a high valley, like Shangri-La," and they came upon it as an oasis after a hot day's traveling. Later they learned that the village, Al Agiba, was not that far at all from the legendary Shangri-La.

For a thousand and more years, they were told, it has perched in its mountain top like an eagle's eyrie, almost untouched by the passing of time.

However, it wasn't the beauty of the place that struck the travelers, but the hospitality of its people — led by a young English-speaking man who acted as both host and spokesman for the entire village.

Dinner followed, with the young man's family, the local ulama and neighborhood farmers, and never once did any of those on hand allow "a pause or awkwardness to mar the proceedings or even a thought that there were four strangers present."

And the next morning, the young man, who had introduced himself as Fedel Youssef Al Shabri and said he was an engineering student studying in England, again served as their host for a traditional breakfast of bread, olive oil, dates and tea.

The whole experience gave the four, they said, "an appreciation of hospitality which will long remain in our memories of Saudi Arabia."

I tell their story not because it is something out of the ordinary — although those of us who live amid the hustle and bustle of big cities anywhere might find it so — but just because it is ordinary, an example of the Arabian hospitality we foreigners were told to expect before arriving here.

But I have one problem. I'd like to give credit to the four men who wrote in to tell of their experience. Their letter was beautifully typed. But for the life of me, I'm afraid I can't decipher the handwritten signatures affixed to the bottom.

Still trying to come up with a name for the column, and again I invite contributions. One ne'er-do-well here at *Arab News* suggested, "Mike's Cute Column," but I told him that any more suggestions like that would be deposited where they belong — in the circular file that sits on the floor next to my desk.

A big thank you to readers Crispin Co and Carolyn Goff for sending in their ideas. Deadline for additional suggestions is next Wednesday.

Headline writing isn't my favorite occupation, so beginning next week it's a chore I'll happily consign to oblivion.

Two stories representing opposite poles of the mania people seem to have for getting their name into the record books crossed my desk recently.

In Munich, Australian hypnotists Ronrico claimed a world record for putting a Munich housewife to sleep for 200 hours, a record which beat by 33 hours the mark set only four weeks before by a hypnotist named Cally.

On the other side of the world, a former Sri Lankan policeman named W.P. Ananda Upali claimed a world record for staying awake for 14 days and seven hours, breaking the old record set by Maureen Weston of England.

I don't know about you, but I think I'd rather go the hypnotic route. I lose enough sleep to the heat around here as it is.

Finally, here's one about a gentleman who isn't out to set any records, but his goal is nonetheless somewhat bizarre.

Joe Dulvick of Detroit wants to re-enact a sort of Pearl Harbor in reverse. He's spent two years revamping a World War II bomber, and now wants to simulate a bombing run against a freighter over Lake Huron.

He's applied to the U.S. authorities, who say they don't have any objections to the idea.

But there's just one hitch. As Coast Guard Capt. Richard Abrams put it, "First he'll have to find a Japanese freighter captain who'll cooperate."

Rhodesia talks hung up over white army's future

LONDON, Sept. 12 (AP) — Zimbabwe Rhodesia guerrilla leaders and Britain are set for their first direct tussle of wills Wednesday — whether talks to secure peace in Zimbabwe Rhodesia center on constitutional matters or taken in the thorny question of control of a new national army.

On Tuesday, the second day of the peace conference, there was a direct clash in the opening positions outlined by the two sides in the conflict.

The Patriotic Front guerrilla movement said the army issue should be high on the agenda, and the nation's first black prime minister, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, appealed for recognition by Britain.

British diplomats were generally calm about that clash. But a highly placed conference source said late Tuesday the talks could be seriously threatened if guerrilla leaders persist in their attempts to take up immediately their demands that Muzorewa's administration be replaced by a transition administration and new army dominated by the communist-armed fighters.

Britain has been trying to keep the talks at this point to the less explosive issue of a new constitution. British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, who is presiding at the talks, stuck to his position that a constitutional agreement must be reached before talk can turn to setting up a new transition government and tackling the roles of the guerrillas and Zimbabwe Rhodesia's white-led security forces.



Abel Muzorewa

"If we try to discuss the whole spectrum of subjects at once we are unlikely to make progress," Carrington told delegates after their opening speeches, a conference spokesman reported Tuesday night.

"We must know the direction before it is possible to discuss the route," Carrington added.

Muzorewa's delegation remained silent during subsequent exchanges — described by a conference spokesman as "courteous" — between Carrington and guerrilla leaders over the procedural issue.

The procedural question was still unresolved when Tuesday's 75-minute session ended.



Joshua Nkomo

In his opening address, Muzorewa, an American-trained Methodist, declared: "We require to know clearly and categorically what more your (Britain's) government requires from us before you will remove sanctions and grant recognition to our government."

Muzorewa was the winner of election held last April under an "internal settlement" between the last white Prime Minister, Ian Smith, and moderate black leaders. The guerrillas do not recognize that election, claiming that the powers reserved for whites under the current constitution make the black-led regime only a cloak for continued white domination.

Vance-Dobrynin talks continue

Soviet-U.S. compromise appears likely

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (R) — Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin was to see Secretary of State Cyrus Vance Wednesday in a further attempt to settle the dispute over Russian combat troops in Cuba.

It is second such meeting since Washington disclosed that it had firm evidence of the presence of a Brigade of Soviet combat troops on the Caribbean island.

The Soviet Communist Party daily *Pravda* Tuesday dismissed the U.S. claims but some U.S. officials saw this denial as a possible sign that the issue could soon be resolved.

They argued that if Moscow had admitted putting combat troops in Cuba, then it could hardly back down from this position and either remove the unit or disband it.

The officials said the denial leaves room for a face-saving compromise, heading off a major confrontation that could spill over into other areas of U.S.-Soviet relations such as their new treaty on strategic arms, SALT II.

Such a compromise is clearly in the minds of Carter administration officials, who have not gone as some U.S. congressmen and



President Carter

demanding that the troops be removed.

President Jimmy Carter and Vance have voiced serious concern over the presence of Soviet forces so close to American soil, and said vaguely that the status quo cannot be maintained.

Shift in position

Kennedy now talks of race

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (R) — Sen. Edward Kennedy is considering running for the presidency and will base his final decision on the state of the country's economy three or four months from now, his spokesman said Tuesday.

The announcement came as a public opinion poll conducted by the ABC television network showed President Jimmy Carter's popularity at the lowest point ever, with 70 per cent of those surveyed saying they do not believe he can win re-election.

Kennedy, who has maintained throughout this year that he is not a candidate and would support President Carter, changed his position in a newspaper interview published Tuesday.

He told the *Boston Globe*: "I have not ruled out the possibility of a candidacy."

His spokesman, Tom Southwick, confirmed the senator's statement and said Kennedy's office had been flooded with calls of offers of support since he first made it clear last week that he was edging towards the possibility of running.

"Our telephone lines are jammed," Southwick said.

Kennedy, a Massachusetts Democrat and the last surviving brother of the politically powerful Kennedy family, said he had changed his position because of his reflections on the direction of the country and because of the urgings of other congressmen.

He did not name the congressmen, but a number of leading congressional figures said this week that Sen. Kennedy would be certain to win the Democratic presidential nomination.

tion if he decided to run.

Asked what Kennedy's reaction was to the flood of telephoned offers of support, Southwick said, "he is very gratified with all this."

The *Globe* said a major factor in Kennedy's decision would be not only Carter's "own ability to deal with the economy, but with the American people's conception of how things are."

Carter, besieged by problems over inflation and energy, has seen his public support steadily drop to the lowest point for any president in modern times.

The same polls show Kennedy more than two to one ahead of Carter.

Kennedy up speculation on his possible candidacy last week when he announced that his mother, Rose, and his estranged wife, Joan, had lifted their objections to his running for the presidency.

He withdrew himself as a potential presidential candidate in 1976, saying he had promised his mother that he would not run for president while she was alive.

Two older brothers, President John Kennedy and Sen. Robert Kennedy, were assassinated, the former while in office as president and the latter while campaigning.

A White House spokesman said Monday Carter would hold himself aloof from political controversy for the rest of the year and concentrate on running the government.

The electoral season gets into full swing next February when voters of New Hampshire pick their favorite for Republican and Democratic nominees for the November presidential elections.

Damages still unreported

Earthquake rocks Indonesian island

JAKARTA, Sept. 12 (R) — The world's largest earthquake for more than two years Wednesday rocked islands off Indonesia's eastern province of Irian Jaya, formerly Dutch New Guinea.

The U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colorado, said the tremor registered 8.0 on the Richter Scale — the first "great" earthquake of such a magnitude since August, 1977.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

The center of the quake was given as exactly on Biak Island, north of the mainland coast.

Officials in the provincial capital of Jayapura, some 500 kilometers east of Biak, were still waiting for reports from other parts of the province. They said no tremors were felt in Jayapura itself.

Irian Jaya is Indonesia's easternmost province, some 3,750 kilometers east of Jakarta.

The province comprises almost one-quarter of Indonesian territory but is inhabited by only about one million of the nation's 142 million population.

The last "great" earthquake of magnitude 8.0 or more occurred near Sumbawa Island in Indonesia on August 19, 1977, killing more than 100 people and causing extensive damage.

Presley doctor charged

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Sept. 12 (R) — A medical board has announced it has charged the personal physician to Elvis Presley with gross negligence in prescribing drugs to the late singer and to 15 other patients.

The State Board of Medical Examiners, responsible for overseeing medical practices in Tennessee, said it brought the charge against Dr. George Nichopoulos after a routine audit earlier this year of licensed drug dispensers in Memphis.

The physician, faces possible suspension from the profession or the revoking of his medical license.

After the unpromising conference start, British officials drew comfort from messages sent Tuesday by Liberian President William Tolbert, chairman of the Organization of African Unity and by foreign ministers of Britain's eight partners in the European Economic Community, now meeting in Ireland. The EEC ministers welcomed the conference and urged delegates to seize the opportunity for peace. Tolbert said the African view was that if the conference succeeded it would mark a turning point for all of southern Africa.

The Zimbabwe Rhodesia peace conference which opened here Monday is the latest milestone along a tormented road that began with Rhodesia's break with Britain and could end by plunging the entire African subcontinent into war.

Here, in chronological order, are the main events leading to the current talks aimed at ending a guerrilla war that has so far taken 13,000 lives and giving the former British colony an international acceptable black government.

Nov. 11, 1965 — Prime Minister Ian Smith makes a unilateral declaration of independence after refusing to bow to British pressure to move toward a transfer of power to Rhodesia's black majority.

Nov. 12, 1965 — British Prime Minister Harold Wilson declares Rhodesia's break illegal and an act of rebellion.

Dec. 12, 1965 — Britain imposes total economic sanctions against Rhodesia. They have since been renewed every year.

Dec. 16, 1966 — The United Nations Security Council adopts a British resolution imposing mandatory sanctions on Rhodesia's key exports.

March 2, 1970 — Rhodesia declares itself a republic under a new constitution. The constitution, voted upon by Rhodesian whites, perpetuates white rule.

Dec. 21, 1972 — A 20-man guerrilla band loyal to Robert Mugabe blasts a white-owned farm house along the northeast border with Mozambique. The attack marked the start in earnest of the black nationalist try to end white rule by force.

Sept. 24, 1976 — with the bush war escalating, Smith accepts for the first time that blacks will rule the country within two years. Henry Kissinger, then U.S. Secretary of State, had persuaded Smith to accept the new proposals.

Dec. 14, 1976 — a Geneva meeting, called to try and work out a settlement in effect, fizzles out.

Dec. 2, 1977 — Smith, desperate for peace, begins talks with moderate black leaders within the country on the so-called "internal settlement."

April 20, 1979 — Election results are announced, and Muzorewa emerges as the country's first black prime minister. Black African nations and the guerrillas consider the election a sellout to white rule.

JFK bomb threat a dud

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 (R) — A celebrity crowd of more than 2,000, including Sen. Edward Kennedy and entertainer Bob Hope, were forced to evacuate Washington's John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Tuesday night because of an anonymous bomb threat.

After a two-hour search by a bomb nothing was found and the benefit show in aid of Indochinese refugees went on.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Hypochondria is a common enough source of suffering. Its symptom is the ready belief by the sufferer that any illness he hears described is in fact his own. It is to be distinguished from psychosomatic illnesses, where the patient actually induces the symptoms through believing that he has the illness. The second kind of suffering is real enough; although the cause is mental rather than physical. This we leave aside.

I am sure that many readers have passed through a phase in which they believed they were suffering from some dread disease. They had gone for days, nobly keeping their "suffering" from family and friends, reflecting on the transitoriness of all that is human.

It is interesting that "sufferers" of this kind do not go immediately to the doctor. One reason for this is fear that the worst will be confirmed; and any way the disease chosen has no known cure. The other, perhaps deeper reason is that the patient does not wish to test his cherished illusion against the facts. When finally he decides that he has to tell the doctor, it is usually only in a spirit of leave-taking. Then the anti-climax when the doctor prescribes an aspirin and a morning in bed.

One day a colleague entered the office, looking as tough he already had one foot in the grave. When asked what the matter was, he launched into an intricate description of the strange disease which claimed him as victim the night before. The description was so convincing in detail that many were moved. He was punctured however when another colleague blurted that there was a television film last night dealing precisely with that disease.

A doctor friend told me that a woman patient of his, a keen hypochondriac, phones after each radio or television medical report to claim the symptoms she heard described. His answer is always the same. "Yes," he would say, "I have also been listening to that program."

Our resident hypochondriac at *Ashtarq Al-Awsat* once had a stiff shoulder. He went round crying that it only appeared as a stiff shoulder. It was in fact the beginning of paralysis caused by heart weakness. Another time, he had decided to change his field, he came to the office with a face like a mask of grief. Silently, he went to his desk, and sat with his face held in both hands. We ignored him as long as we could. Then, beginning to get worried, one of us approached and inquired gently if he could be of help.

"No," the soft answer came, "Melancholia." "Ah," exploded the concerned colleague, "so you started on psychology."

The colleague then, in revenge, started lecturing the grieving man, inventing authorities as he went along with more and more preposterously Germanic sounding names. He proved that Melancholia simply cannot afflict someone like the aspiring sufferer, since it is a disease of a highly industrialized and highly sophisticated society, not like the simple affairs we have back home. On and on he went, until the man, in despair now, started shouting that it was alright, that it passed, that he was as cheerful as could ever be.

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